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## NAB Shift May Help In-Band

by Judith Gross

**WASHINGTON** Now that the NAB has had a change of heart about in-band DAB systems, it seems likely that support and investment as well as new sys-

tems proponents will surface.

At the end of July, six months after the NAB's Radio Board unanimously endorsed Eureka 147 DAB and approved efforts toward a joint NAB-Eureka licensing agreement, the association's DAB

Task Force announced that the position would be "modified."

The change reflected growing conflict from radio group owners, many of whom opposed the NAB's DAB policies openly in letters to the FCC.

Just before the DAB Task Force was to sit down for two days of presentations from four additional DAB proponents, a Radio Operators' Caucus meeting in Washington brought the controversy to a climax.

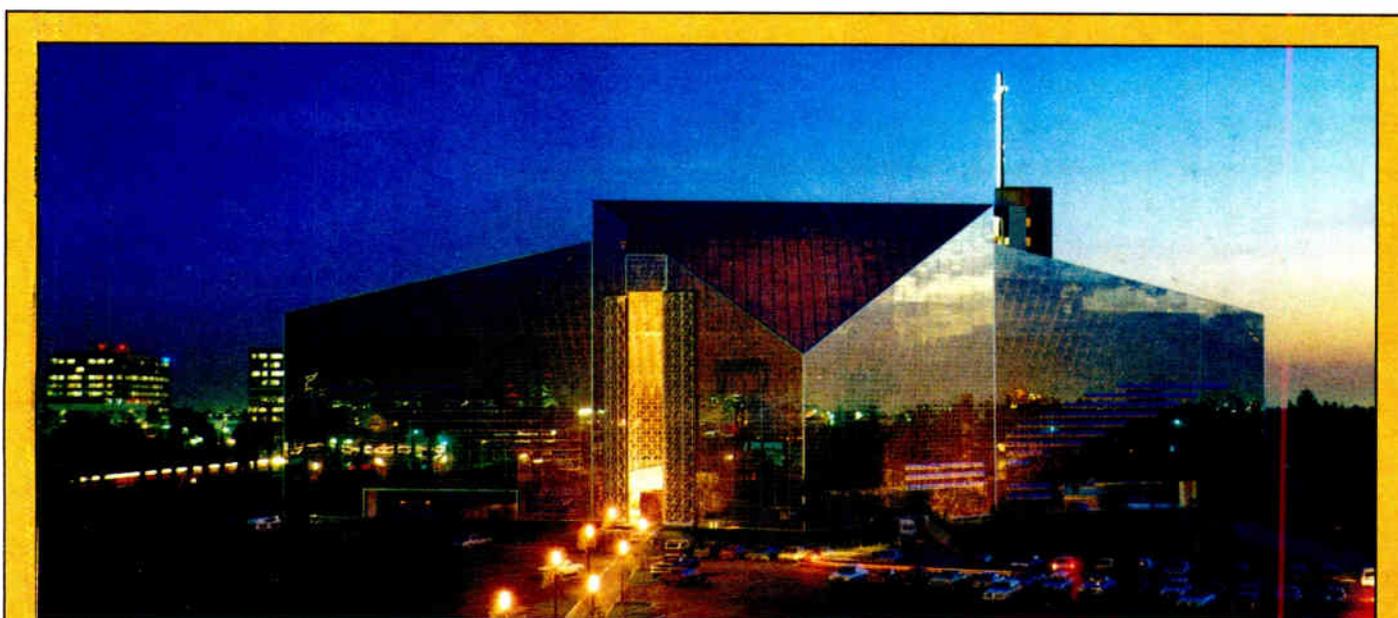
"Parity is the real burning issue with most owners," Radio Ventures' Jerry Lyman noted. "Elevating inferior facilities to the level of big stations is very troublesome for those who want to protect their investments," he said.

Shamrock's Bill Clark, noted that his station in Phoenix, KMLE, had informally surveyed listeners about the signal quality of FM. "The perception among 47 percent of those listeners was that the FM is already as good as CD-quality," Clark said.

Other ROC members voiced concerns about the number of stations per market increasing if Eureka is adopted. Jacor's Randy Michaels asked if the NAB had considered the enormous impact of such a result.

"The threshold question is the economic dislocation issue. In Atlanta, the 14 signals that are there now could become five times that," Michaels said. He echoed the sentiments of others when he asked, "Why can't the NAB run a

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LPB helps reach listeners outside the Crystal Cathedral, p. 13.

## No Mobile In-Band Demo at Radio '91

**Systems Are Not Yet Ready to Be Shown**

**SAN FRANCISCO** There will be no mobile demonstration of in-band DAB technology at this year's Radio 1991 show, slated for Sept. 11-15, here.

Even though the radio industry—and even the NAB—has warmed to the prospect of in-band digital for both AM and FM, the only in-band system to be demonstrated so far is not far enough along for a mobile demo, according to in-band system developers.

"It would have cost \$800,000 to do a mobile demo of the Acorn (USA Digital) system," said Tony Masiello, director of technical operations for CBS Radio. CBS and Westinghouse are working on the system developed by Gannett and Stanford Research Institute, although there is no formal contract between the three groups.

"We'd rather spend that money to de-

velop the technology further, then set up a mobile demonstration once it's in a form that can be most useful to broadcasters," Masiello said.

He noted that the technology for Gannett's Project Acorn AM and FM DAB systems has been in use in military applications for several years, but at a cost different than for broadcast use.

"If we rushed a mobile demo at the radio show, we wouldn't have been able to bring the technology down to that cost efficient level yet, so it would only have been for show," Masiello added.

He said Acorn's researchers are currently working out the signal extraction portion of the system and getting it ready for mobile testing. Masiello said that the most likely Acorn demo for the Radio 1991 show will be similar to the one at the spring NAB show in Las Vegas, "with perhaps a little more work on the multipath reduction."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### DAB Demo Is On

**SAN FRANCISCO** Radio 1991 convention attendees will likely get a chance to hear a mobile Eureka 147 DAB demonstration similar to the one at the NAB's spring show, according to the NAB.

Although FCC approval for the experimental broadcasts is

pending, NAB Staff Engineer Kelly Williams said DAB equipment has been found for the show. The NAB previously was not sure if it could have Eureka equipment on hand because of a scheduling conflict with a European consumer show.

The San Francisco demo will consist of A/B comparisons between the FM and DAB signals

during coach bus rides through various parts of the city, using a stereo feed from KOIT and a demo tape. The DAB booth at the convention center will also receive five different formats of DAB material.

The signal will be broadcast on UHF channel 52, 3.5 MHz wide with up to 500 watts maximum power. The antenna will be located on Mount Sutro with an actual height of 1,400 feet above sea level.

Williams noted that the DAB will get a more rigorous multipath test during the radio show

than it had in Las Vegas because of the numerous hills and tall buildings in San Francisco.

### NAB to Kick Off AMAX

**WASHINGTON** The NAB will kick off its improved AM receiver campaign at Radio 1991 in San Francisco launching a promotional program for the new "AMAX" certification.

The EIA and NAB agreed to promote improved AM radios earlier this year through the voluntary AMAX certification

mark. AMAX radios will have such features as 7.5 kHz frequency response, external antenna connection, noise blanking, expanded band and bandwidth control. A separation designation will be affixed to AM stereo radios (AMAX Stereo).

The campaign will officially kick off Oct. 1. NAB officials said more than 1,100 stations will participate in the promotion through solo promotional spots and joint spots with electronics retailers in their markets.

### FCC Says No to Drugs

**KINGSTREE, S.C.** The FCC has upheld its revocation of WCBC's license, finding that Williams County Broadcasting Corp. is "unqualified" to remain as the station's licensee because of the drug conviction of one of its chief stockholders.

The initial decision to revoke WCBC's license was based on a cocaine possession/intent to distribute conviction of controlling stockholder Gregory Knop. Knop also admitted to bribing law enforcement officers and lying to a sentencing judge, the FCC said.

### "Illegal" Rock On International Band

**ERIE, Pa.** The FCC recently took action against an illegal station broadcasting rock music on 7415 kHz, a frequency reserved for International Fixed Public Radio broadcasts.

Erie resident Mark Radecki was fined \$1,000 after the FCC pinpointed the location of the station through the efforts of the Buffalo, N.Y., field office and the agency's nationwide monitoring network.

### Mid-Year Station Totals

**WASHINGTON** As of July 31, 1991, there were 10,943 commercially licensed radio stations in the U.S.

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# Cheney Opposes L-Band Use

by Arthur Cole

**WASHINGTON** Fearful of relinquishing spectrum valuable to the military, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney has spoken out against releasing L-band for DAB.

Cheney recently fired off a brief letter to Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher saying he was opposed to turning over the L-band spectrum to commercial radio.

The FCC currently is attempting to have the U.S. support some L-band and some S-band spectrum for DAB broadcasting at the upcoming World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) next year. The Commerce Department, through its National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), which oversees the Voice of America broadcasts, is also expected to make an L-band recommendation.

The State Department is expected to rule on the U.S. position this fall.

### Critical spectrum

In the letter, Cheney called the L-band a "critical portion of the radio frequency spectrum" that is "heavily utilized" by the defense department for telemetry purposes.

"The reallocation of the telemetry frequency spectrum will have a severe impact on weapon systems development,

testing and the integration of new technologies used in Department of Defense airborne weapons platforms," the letter said.

According to one congressional source,

**... he was opposed to turning over the L-band spectrum to commercial radio.**

the Cheney letter was prompted by concerns over pending legislation that would turn over 200 MHz of government-held spectrum to commercial use.

"Defense is basically saying, 'We will not give up any more of our spectrum. This is where we draw the line,'" the official said.

A spokesman at the NTIA said Mosbacher replied to Cheney's letter by stating that the Commerce Department will continue to work with the FCC to try to find another spectrum for DAB.

"We are not supporting a reallocation of L-band frequencies," said Richard Parlow, associate administrator of spectrum management at NTIA. "There are other DAB proposals that we feel are more reasonable.

"We are going back and forth with the Commission," he said. "We've made

proposals to locate DAB, at least the satellite portions, in the S-band (2310 MHz). And there are a number of promising in-band solutions for the terrestrial portion."

### Touchy issue

On Capitol Hill, staffers said legislators are still wrestling with the DAB question. Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.), chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, is said to be undecided on the L-band issue.

"He hasn't taken a public position yet," said Dingell spokesman David Leach.

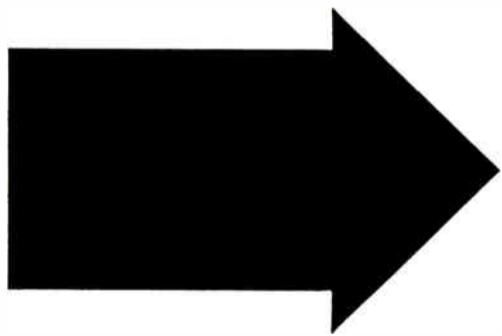
"But he is concerned about the commercial implications of withholding L-band."

Because of the government resistance to giving up L-band, groups who had thrown their support behind L-band have softened their position.

The NAB has opened the door to a compromise between the pro- and anti-L-band camps within its ranks by allowing in-band supporters to make a pitch to the DAB Task Force.

The NAB board had previously unanimously endorsed the European Eureka 147 DAB system, which would utilize the L-band.

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# DAB and HLT Are H-O-T in S.F.

by Judith Gross

**FALLS CHURCH, Va.** "We should have begun every session title with either DAB, HLT or time brokerage," said NAB executive director of operations John Abel.



He was talking about the radio show and those are the hot topics, all right. We'll be hearing the buzz just about now in the City by the Bay, where I hope there ain't a whole lot of shaking (or quaking) going on while we're there for Radio 1991.

After much criticism of the spring NAB Eureka DAB bus demo, "some improvements have been made," NAB says. But frequencies are so scarce that there won't be an experimental FM available to compare taped formats between Eureka and FM.

Instead the demo will compare live programming from KOIT-FM with Eureka DAB. Should be enough multipath in Frisco, but there'll be a gap filler on hand just the same. The Eureka folks had to rush the gear from Berlin where it was appearing at a large consumer electronics show.

The NAB folks say this demo will be better than Vegas, so let's hope there are no rap lyrics to embarrass the more delicate among us.

And let's hope there's nothing else to whine about after we take a few rides. Although I'm sure we can always find something if we try real hard.

The Eureka demo will be done at 751 MHz—no L-band until this October in Washington, D.C. There, I told you we could find something to criticize if we thought about it for say, half a

second or so.

Two in-band systems will have booths, although Acorn will probably more or less duplicate its Vegas showing, since work on the mobile part of the system continues.

But we'll get at least a preliminary run-down of the American Digital Radio system. Radiotechniques' Ted Schober is going to let broadcasters envision a DAB station of their very own and see how it plots on an allocations map. No hardware yet, though.

And oh, yes, they wanted to devote a session at the convention to the shock jocks. No kidding. They were going to call it *Controversy Versus Good Taste*. But son of a you-know-what, none of the controversial types wanted to get on stage and debate the issue.

Or maybe, nobody wanted to get up there and be ripped into dirty little pieces by them. Anyway, there won't be any debate on the issue of taste, after all, and the session has been renamed *What Management Needs To Know About High Profile Talent*.

I'd just as soon call it "Keep the moneybags and mouth soap handy," but those folks who name the session have no sense of the absurd.

Good taste on the airwaves brings to mind my old pal Cousin Brucie, who, it seems, will gain immortality in, of all places, *Archie Comic Books*.

The CBS Radio folks, who bring the Cuz's radio program to a still-adoring public, wanted to let me know that Brucie was heading to Riverdale High for a special October issue of the comic book series.

Yeah, it's a sock hop full of suspense, featuring (who else?) The Archies. You remember, "Sugar, Ah Honey Honey . . ." All right, so I was once a teeny-bopper. So sue me.

Anyway, it's nice to see that radio still has the hearts of the country's teens, at least in Riverdale. Now, what I want to know is, how come Archie and Reggie and Jughead (not to mention Betty and Veronica) never get old enough to gradu-

ate and go to college? Is it anything like Zeno's paradox?

Another interesting campaign kicking off in San Francisco at the Radio Show, by the way, is the AMAX promotion. NAB says stations have pledged some \$20 million in ads for the new, improved receivers, designed to show folks that AM doesn't hafta sound bad.

In order to get the AMAX mark, an AM receiver has to comply with the NRSC standard and distortion receiver standard

nologies of the future, don't you think? OK, now I've heard everything. We've had all-Elvis, all-news, all-comedy. How 'bout: all-commercials? That's right, all spots, all the time.

Well, it's being done down in Adel, Georgia, where new owner John Williams took the WDDQ-FM from country to all-commercial. No music, just ads. It seems he owns the real estate around the Adel exit off I-95.

No, not just the real estate, but the HoJo's, Truck Stop, Econo-Lodge, Days Inn, gas station and clothing store surrounding the exit. And what a nifty way to get tired, hungry, threadbare, shop-happy motorists running on empty to part with their hard-earned bucks!

The spots are run through the PC-based Smartcaster supplied by Broadcasters General Store. Williams is about to undergo a Class A upgrade to 6

kW, and yeah, he wants to sell national spots, too.

And I guess he is providing some sort of public service for the weary traveler. So who's complaining? Maybe this format will catch on. Then again, maybe they should call it the "all-annoyance" format.

Oh yeah, and I was glad to see that the cause of democracy and positive change prevailed in the Soviet Union. Felt especially good after meeting that nice crew from Gostel Radio at last year's Radio Show.

Of course, I was getting all ready to commandeer a pirate ship and set sail to go blast them full of hard-hitting, good ole American rock 'n' roll. But I guess that won't be needed, now.

Any metal-heads out there want to buy a skull and crossbones banner, cheap?

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WCBS's Cousin Brucie hosts a Riverdale High sock hop. . .

IS-80. It should have a frequency response of at least 7.5 kHz for stationary and 6.5 kHz for mobile listening.

It also needs tuning for narrowbanding under noisy conditions (manual or automatic), must have AM noise-blanking, external antenna and expanded AM band capability (to 1705 kHz).

Stereo is not, unfortunately, part of the service mark description. But if the manufacturer puts it in, it will be called (surprise): AMAX Stereo.

Now this is not just more whistling in the dark about AM. Some auto receivers already have them (without the logo, yet) and we'll find out which ones as the campaign gets underway.

In a way, you might say it's a bit historic. Stations and receiver manufacturers getting together and agreeing on a joint effort. Sets a good precedent for the tech-

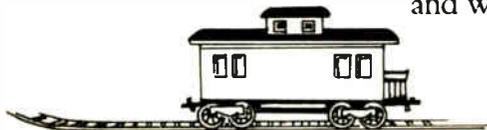


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### Wideband processing? No thanks

Dear RW,

With all respect to Randy Johnston (RW, July 24, 1991), multiband audio processing is here to stay.

Back in the early to mid 1960s, most AM and FM stations used wideband processors (generally an Audimax followed by a Volumax) and were able to achieve loud, highly compressed sound.

Multiband processing was devised as a method of eliminating some of the undesirable artifacts of the wideband processors while still permitting very high levels of average modulation (and the resulting increase in loudness).

It's true that multiband processing can change the spectral balance of some source material. It will, however, preserve the dynamic resolution.

A wideband processing system maintains spectral balance at the expense of dynamic resolution. As an example, imagine feeding the 1812 Overture, from CD, into a wideband processor. The canon "hits" will totally obscure anything else on the recording until the processing system recovers.

With a multiband processor, only the low frequency bands will be driven into heavy

compression. The other audio bands will continue to process normally while the low frequency amplifiers recover.

As an option, a wideband system can be adjusted to "gently" process the incoming audio. This method will preserve the dynamics at the expense of loudness. I don't know about you, but I don't want my stations to be "Black Holes" in the middle of the dial.

Back to wideband audio processing? Thank you, no.

Frank Berry  
Director, Tech. Operations  
WQYK AM/FM  
Tampa/St. Petersburg, Fla.

### Seeking contacts with Armstrong

Dear RW,

I am currently researching a 40-minute feature to be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 which would examine the events surrounding the death of Edwin Howard Armstrong, inventor of the FM transmission system. The program will be a tribute to a man who was owner of patents earning millions of dollars in royalties, who died believing he was a failure. It was 13 years after his death in 1967, and some 17 years after the last of his patents expired, that Armstrong's legal claims were finally and fully vindicated.

I am presently trying to contact anyone who might have known Armstrong, worked with him or who might have some family connection. Whilst we have access to tape recordings of early sound tests in order to make the program a viable proposition, it is essential that we talk to someone who will be able to help us tell Armstrong's story.

If any RW readers have had any connection with Armstrong, they may write me at British Broadcasting Corporation, Broadcasting House, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR, England. They can telephone me at 011-44-272-742160 or alternatively by fax on 011-44-272-730793.

Jaclyn Parry, Researcher  
BBC Radio 4  
Bristol, England

### Respond to the EBS NOI

Dear RW,

John Gatski's article (RW Aug. 7, 1991) on the FCC deadline for EBS comments (Dec. 31, 1991) is an excellent review of the 12 page Notice of Inquiry. Emergency communications are an indispensable part of the broadcast engineer's art, and one practical expression of the compassionate side of our profession's nature.

The NOI selected four systems as having promise as a replacement for the EBS; however, the door is open to any other contestants. One of the entries—which the FCC calls the ICEBS (Improved Colorado EBS)—is in fact the EAS (Emergency Announcement System) first covered in the Aug. 22 and Sept. 12, 1990 issues of RW. RW was kind enough to facilitate making this specific technology public domain.

Many of us gripe legitimately about the faults of the EBS. We engineers do

If you grab a tiger by the tail, you have to keep moving or risk getting mauled. With DAB, only some quick backpedaling has kept the NAB from being overpowered by the technology it sought to control.

The NAB's early embracing of the Eureka system at L-band elicited a groundswell of vocal opposition so widespread that the association was prompted to bow to the will of the majority and look into in-band alternatives.

At a minimum, the NAB suffered some loss of face among broadcasters for trying to steamroll Eureka past an industry unwilling to accept it as the only choice for DAB. A letter-writing campaign spearheaded by Sconnix's Randy Odeneal—perhaps the most outspoken of Eureka's detractors—led the NAB to concede that in-band DAB should be considered on a parallel track to the L-band system.

## A Tiger By The Tail

In what must be seen as a victory for the in-band contingent, the NAB's DAB Task Force has reviewed presentations from in-band proponents, and Project Acorn and American Digital Radio have been invited to provide information on their systems at the Radio 1991 convention, which starts today.

The backlash from broadcasters has had one positive effect for the NAB: It has positioned the association once again as a forum for emerging technology, rather than exclusively as a system proponent. By its recent actions, the NAB has been able to deflect some of the criticism it has taken for its role in Eureka's development.

The value of regaining the status of a (somewhat) open forum cannot be underestimated for an association that purports to represent the interests of the broadcast industry.

It is important, however, to acknowledge the point made by DAB Task Force Chairman Alan Box: The L-band issue is not going to go away. Because it is supported by Canadian broadcasters and satellite system proponents, the NAB still will have to observe developments in L-band DAB. This includes monitoring Canadian L-band tests as well as conducting its own research, which is expected to begin following Radio 1991.

Clearly, the NAB should have some input into the development of broadcast technology in the U.S. But in the future, the association should take a lesson from its recent experiences with DAB and refrain from trying to tame a tiger all by itself.

—RW

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have an opportunity to make it better. In the case of the EAS, it is a project undertaken by a single SBE chapter (24 in Denver) which enlisted the help of the state authorities, broadcast association, and received aid and input from such unlikely sources as cable companies, two-way radio concerns, and the amateur radio community.

While the EAS was born at the grass roots of broadcast engineering, it may not be the best system. Consider the other contenders:

The National Weather Service's WRSAME is very similar to the EAS. So close that adapting EAS's scanning and redundancy features, cost reducing hardware, and expanding the scope of WRSAME to include CATV and other electronic media could well preserve the benefits of the EAS and capitalize on the momentum of the WRSAME system, already in partial implementation.

On the other side of the coin, the EAS might use unassigned data space, or lengthen its message to accommodate "type of emergency" information (this point is potentially confusing; both the EAS and WRSAME prioritize emergencies from "test" to "all-out warning," but the WRSAME is also capable of indicating type: "wind storm" to "tornado," for example).

Sage Alerting System offers the Radio Data System (RDS) as a contender for an EBS. The EBS would become data sent via FM, AM(?) or TV subcarrier. To the broadcaster, it represents a means to get into the RDS world, which can be used for non-EBS information. The EBS information would appear on a printer or other data monitor, even listeners' radio displays.

The California EDIS system is a packet data system that appears to the broadcaster as data (like the RDS) but is carried on non-broadcast channels.

This NOI is our opportunity to tell the FCC what is important:

Should the EBS be upgraded? At what cost?

How important is speed? Are broadcasters willing to turn over their on-air signal to an automated system in the case of tornados or chemical spills, or should an employee be required to review, edit, and determine whether and how to broadcast the information?

How important is redundancy? Should every message go through a single point, or should the system be able to restructure itself and allow even non-traditional (i.e., police and amateur repeaters) to be used by the system?

Should EBS activation rest in the hands of the broadcaster (CPCS-1 mostly), following requests from federal or state authorities, or should activation by city, county, state, national, and weather services be permitted?

Must a system be a national standard? Should national and regional activation be possible? Is a separate system and standard for each locality an option?

Should a newer, more reliable, less operator-based system result in reduced testing, logging and other FCC requirements?

In any case, for all the letters to the editor in RW, it is rather important to respond to the NOI, even in general and brief terms. A simple "keep the EBS," or "we need a faster, inexpensive, or whatever system," is in order.

Save a life, please write! Send an original and five copies to: Office of the Secretary RE: Docket 91-171; EBS improvement Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

Each of the proposed systems (and maybe a new, yet-unheard-of system) can likely be modified or combined to meet our needs and wants if we tell them.

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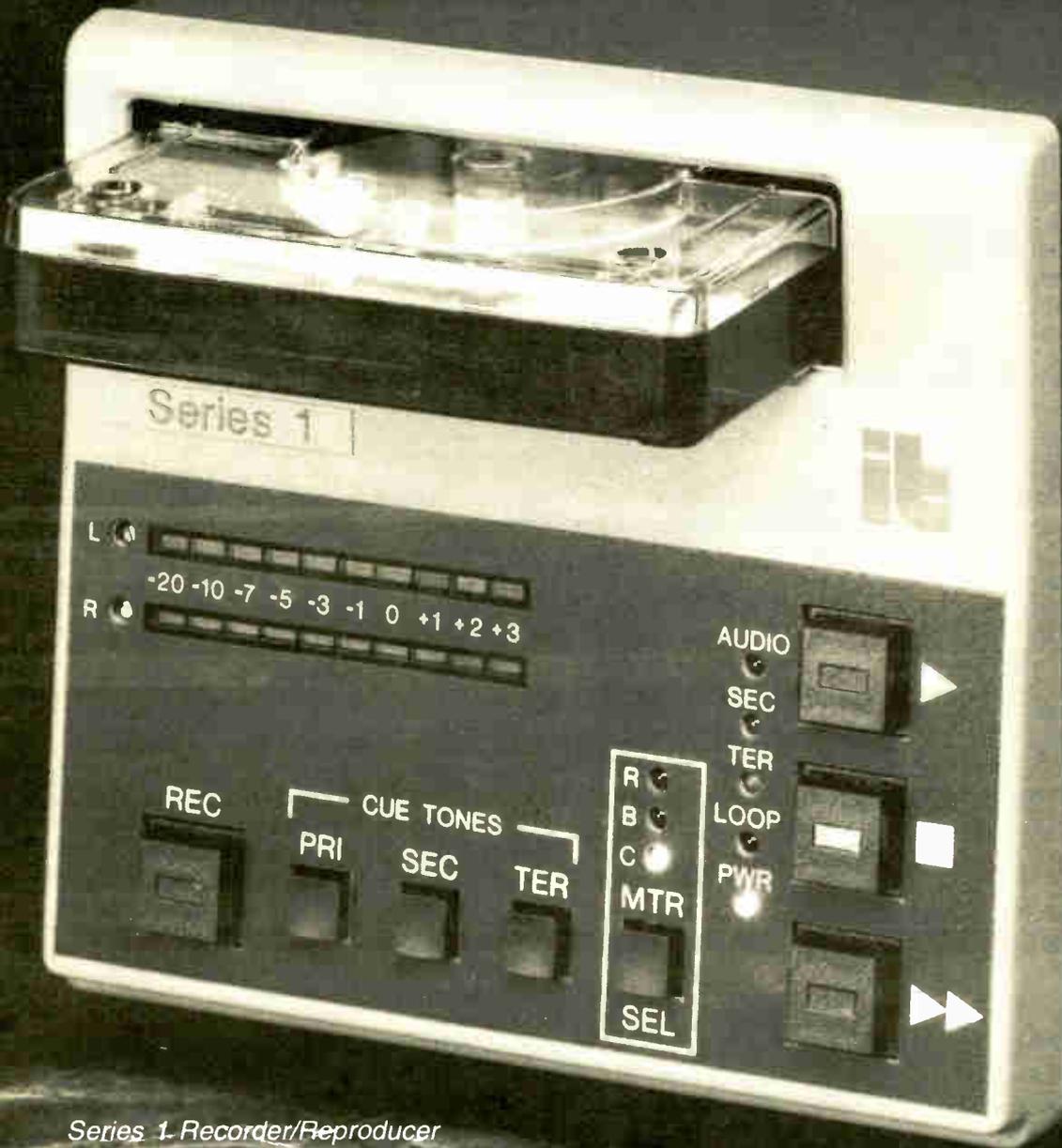
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# Annual FCC Fees Considered

by Arthur Cole

**WASHINGTON** A U.S. congressional committee approved an annual fee schedule for broadcasters last month, slightly reducing some fees from earlier versions of the bill.

The measure was approved by the

House Commerce Committee and is expected to be voted on by the full house in early September.

The fees, heavily opposed by the NAB, would be imposed annually on all radio, television and cable providers as well as an array of telecommunications services.

The NAB believes the fees are nothing

more than a spectrum tax.

Even though the bill represents lower fees than originally proposed, a statement by the NAB said the organization will continue to fight the measure.

### NAB opposition

NAB Executive VP of Government Relations called the fees a "double whammy" on broadcasters because they would come in addition to "cost-of-regulation fees" the FCC already charges for services.

Earlier versions of the bill were even worse, May noted. He credited Rep. Matthew Rinaldo (R-N.J.), the ranking Republican on the House Telecommunications Subcommittee, with putting pressure on the subcommittee leadership to lower some of the fees before sending the measure to the full committee.

"We want to express thanks to Rep. Rinaldo and others who expressed concern about the spectrum tax proposal," he said. "We hope to have an opportunity to discuss the issue again during the full committee markup."

"We think the committee is finally beginning to recognize that this is a spectrum tax disguised as a fee schedule," May added. "There is no connection between service provided by the FCC and this fee, it is clearly based on a perceived ability to pay."

### As it stands now

As marked up by the committee, the bill would impose some of the following fees:

- \$100 for Class II and Class III part-time AM stations. An earlier version of the bill put the Class II fee at \$150.
  - \$500 for Class I full-time AMs.
  - \$100 for Class II, Class III and Class IV AMs. Classes II and III were previously \$300 and \$200, respectively.
  - \$500 for Classes C, C1, C2 and B FMs.
  - \$100 for Classes A, B1, C3 and D FMs.
- The earlier version put these classes at \$300.

- \$2,000 for VHF and UHF TV stations.
- \$100 for low power, translator and booster TVs, broadcast auxiliaries and international broadcast stations.

- \$150 for cable antenna relay service.
- \$175 per 1,000 subscribers for cable systems. The earlier version had a cable fee of \$300 per community unit.

Telephone-related fees remained the same through the markup while the fees for an operational satellite dropped from \$50,000 to \$30,000. The fee for an operational antenna dropped from \$105,000 to \$85,000.

The fees are expected to generate \$65 million in revenues for the FCC.

## ADR In-Band to Show

by Judith Gross

**SAN FRANCISCO** A second in-band DAB system proponent will exhibit at the Radio 1991 convention, to be held here September 11-15. The NAB has offered free exhibit space to DAB systems proponents, especially in-band, now that the association has softened its policy on in-band systems.

In addition to the Acorn system, American Digital Radio, developed by New Jersey-based Radiotechniques, will have a booth at the convention with information on its FM in-band system.

"We are expecting to have DAB allocations software which can help determine where DAB signals can be located so they don't interfere with other DAB signals or existing stations," system developer Ted Schober said.

Schober said one of his partners in ADR, Peter Moncure of RadioSoft, will be able to provide protection ratios based on FM allocations that will compare potential DAB stations to FM and to other DAB stations within an area.

The ADR DAB system, which Schober said has been modified and is now called ADR-2000, is a timed spectrum sharing in-band system where chunks of spectrum are "specially related" to each other in a proprietary way, according to Schober.

Each channel occupies about 200 kHz and the relationship between spectrum slices allows for multipath elimination. Schober added that he is still looking at the ASPEC compression algorithm as a candidate for the source coding part of the system.

Schober said his booth at the show will have the allocations software but that the hardware has yet to be developed. He said he has computer-modeled his system and hopes to have a hardware demo at the spring NAB show.

He said one purpose of exhibiting this early in the system's development is to persuade radio group owners to lend their support—possibly as investors.

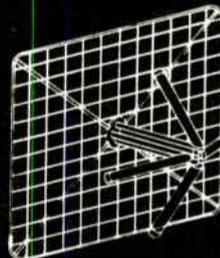
"We've worked out an investment plan that would allow a station group owner to invest a modest amount and not risk losing a large investment. The group owner could then have a hand in managing the technology's implementation," Schober explained.

He acknowledged the competition he faces from the other in-band DAB systems, particularly the Acorn system, which is farther along in development.

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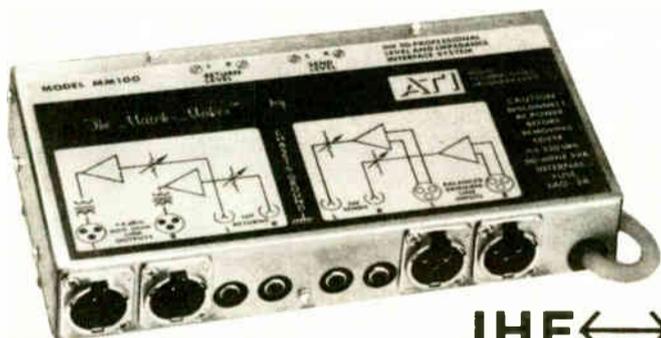
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## Encryption Approved To Foil Eavesdropping

by Frank Beacham

**WASHINGTON** The FCC has amended its rules to allow broadcasters to use digital encryption technology with remote pickup broadcast stations to prevent unauthorized interception of intra-station communications.

The rule change was enacted to enable station licensees to prevent eavesdropping by competitors and others of sensitive communications relating to news gathering or program production.

"This change was prompted by the Commission's receipt of several applications for authorization to use F3Y emission (digital scrambling) in the Remote Pickup Broadcast Service," an FCC announcement said. "The applicants wanted to keep communications relating to news reporting confidential until the stories could be aired."

According to the FCC, broadcasters told the Commission that although

"third party reception" and use of such radio signals was prohibited, the competitive nature of news crews to be first with an exclusive news story made necessary the "extra level afforded by digital encryption technology."

### A 15-year old concept

The digital scrambling of voice communications on two-way radios came into widespread use about 15 years ago when it was adopted by police departments, FCC engineer Joe Johnson said.

Johnson helped write the original police rules and also wrote the new proposal for broadcasters. "The original F3Y designation came about in private land mobile when police departments got tired of being overheard by criminals," Johnson said.

Johnson explained that encryption requires a special digital transmitter that creates a precise scrambling sequence

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## NAB Softens on In-Band

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parallel track between in-band and Eureka?"

NAB DAB Task Force Chairman Alan Box defended both the NAB's endorsement of Eureka and its quest for new spectrum in the L-band. Box noted that at the time of the Radio Board's endorsement, very few facts about in-band systems were known. He also said the L-band question won't go away.

"If the NAB stops its quest for L-band, the satellite proponents will still push for it and likely get it," Box said.

As the ROC meeting ended, members stopped just short of backing a resolution to support in-band DAB development. Instead they deferred to the DAB

Task Force in the hope that the next two days of DAB presentations would resolve the conflicts.

Two days later, after the task force had heard from USA Digital (Gannett-CBS-Westinghouse), American Digital Radio (RadioTechniques), Mercury Digital, and one non-in-band proponent, Stanford Telecom, Box announced that the task force would recommend a "modification" of the NAB's DAB goals.

"We want to encourage the investment in and development of in-band DAB systems," Box said.

He noted that the task force would meet again at the Radio 1991 show and hear from the remaining DAB in-band proponents: Kintel, Synetcom, and LinCom, as well as a company that has experimented with DAB via wireless cable, EmCee. At that time, the task force will rewrite NAB's DAB policy, he added.

The final modifications, which will include in-band, would be subject to full Radio Board approval, Box said.

But he also maintained that the NAB would continue to push for L-band spectrum "to keep its options open" at the upcoming World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC). Box said that negotiations with Eureka partners on a licensing agreement will continue.

Tony Masiello, director of technical operations for CBS Radio, a supporter of USA Digital (otherwise known as Project Acorn in-band DAB), said that he could see more dollars and support being given to in-band because of the NAB's change of heart.

"If you know the industry and your trade association is behind you, it's easier to give it your support," Masiello said.

During the ROC meeting, CBS Radio VP Nancy Widman pointed out the tremendous cost of developing an in-band system.

"What Nancy was saying was, if the industry isn't behind us, why are we spending the money?" Masiello explained. "Now it's worthwhile for new and existing in-band proponents. We can feel safe."

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# FM's Well-Kept Secret Exposed

by John Gatski

**WASHINGTON** *Psst.* Want to know a secret?

The secret is that FM could have the same frequency response as DAB. That's right, old faithful FM can deliver the 20 kHz audio of a CD.

Or, should I say, FM is theoretically capable of such a frequency response. I qualify this statement because there are several obstacles to such fidelity—including the 30-year old FM stereo standard.

The FM band's 15 kHz limit, now universally accepted, was the result of the stereo standard that was developed in the late 1950s and early 1960s and adopted by the FCC in 1961.

In creating the standard, the old NSRC (National Stereophonic Radio Committee) set the stereo pilot signal at 19 kHz. To avoid audible conflicts with the pilot, most tuner section's frequency responses were rolled off steeply from 15 kHz to allow use of wide-band, pilot-canceling filters.

Engineers were not overly concerned in 1961 about the 15 kHz limit because it was considered the hi-fi standard of the time. Most of the early hi-fi records of the time peaked out at 12-13 kHz.

But as hi-fi technology got better from the early 1960s, 20 kHz became the accepted high frequency limit of human

hearing. Since the technology has changed to allow wider frequency response in audio gear, some audiophiles have pointed out, why shouldn't FM keep pace?

Supposedly, some FM mono radios made prior to stereo were capable of delivering close to 20 kHz, but there never were any stations that broadcast such an open signal. That situation still

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exists today.

According to receiver manufacturer consultant Almon Clegg, AM stations could broadcast 20 kHz audio many years ago. These were stations broadcasting in the 1930s, he said, that had no neighbors, high power and could "open it up."

I doubt, however, that these stations had much hi-fi material to showcase unless they did live broadcasts.

From a practical audio standpoint for FM, there really is no use to up the frequency response to 20 kHz. The magical 20 kHz is a number that is really not that far away from 15 kHz anyway. Most adults can't hear much

above 15 kHz (except for Superman), and very little musical information exists in that range—especially in pop music.

And listeners are not likely to throw away current FM receivers for a new version that will not offer audible improvement in most cases.

Some high-end tuners on the market already squeeze a few more kilohertz of frequency response with narrower-band, pilot-canceling filters, allowing somewhere close to 18 kHz. If you can get 18 kHz out of an FM tuner section, providing a station is broadcasting such material, you're doing pretty well in my book.

Besides, if FM was improved to 20 kHz it does not mean the signal-to-noise ratio would improve to DAB levels. Best case FM tops out at around 80 dB for a high-buck tuner. Typical numbers for good receivers average in the 60-65 dB range. DAB systems, however, have been boasting a 90 dB or greater signal-to-noise ratio.

Clegg, who has done consulting work for such companies as Panasonic and Denon, said there has been informal talk over the years about bringing FM up to current hi-fi standards. That, of course, would mean moving the pilot beyond 20 kHz.

The discussion, however, was never

that serious, according to Clegg. One major reason is the inherent band constraints of moving the pilot to perhaps 23 or 25 kHz to free up the additional 5 kHz in frequency response. It would require changes in the FCC's mandated FM mask.

Clegg doubts that stations could transmit 20 kHz audio at 100 percent modulation (or more, with subcarriers) within the current 200 kHz bandwidth. At current modulation levels, somebody's neighbor would no doubt complain. Of course, if modulation levels were reduced it might work, but then stations have to worry about lower signal-to-noise ratios.

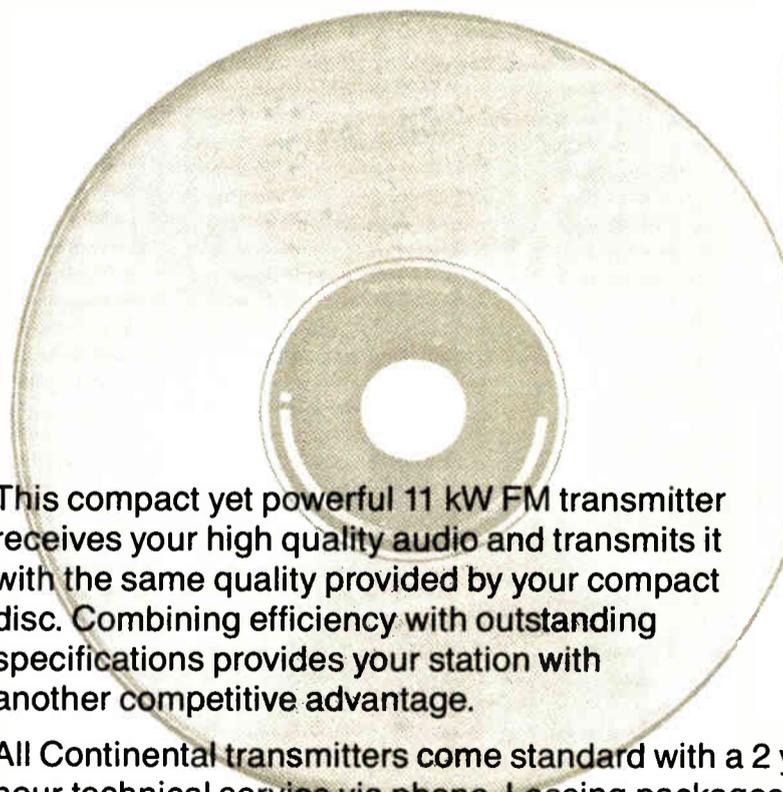
In other words, a lot of complicated changes in the rules would have to be made in order to eke out less than an octave of frequency response, Clegg noted. Another receiver engineer put it more simply: "You're kind of stuck."

While talking to engineers about FM's fidelity limits, one of them reminded me of the NAB's recent DAB/FM comparison that actually produced, perhaps, an unintended conclusion.

Although much of the test's intent was to showcase DAB's multipath resistance, another point also came through. At the time, I remember noting that the FM signal sounded very good when we were not in a multipath area—even when compared to the latest DAB technology.

Judging by the industry reaction to 20 kHz FM, the band appears to be about as hi-fi sounding as it will get under the present broadcasting system. But that's not necessarily a bad thing.

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# AM Docket Nearing Completion

by John Gatski

**WASHINGTON** The FCC staff continues to fine tune the monumental AM improvements package that it has worked on for nearly a year, according to the Mass Media Bureau.

Docket 87-267 is comprehensive rulemaking that touches many technical areas surrounding AM and has garnered a flood of comments on how to best make changes to improve the band.

FCC Assistant Mass Media Bureau Chief William Hassinger said the staff is still working on it, but hopes to complete the rulemaking and forward it to the full Commission within the next month or two.

The FCC is considering several

proposals within 87-267, including the so-called "ratchet" clause, which would mandate a 10 percent interference reduction when making any major station changes; increasing the first adjacent channel protection ratio from 0 dB to 16 dB; filling the expanded band (1605-1705 kHz); AM stereo and increasing the Class III power ceiling to 50 kW.

Several parties that filed comments on the docket last fall believed that the "ratchet" clause could be damaging to many AM stations.

Hassinger said the comments on the docket were "all over the place" but some elements did not receive much comment, such as whether the expanded band slots should be filled by allotment

or assignment.

Of those that filed comments last fall, opinions were varied on how best to fill the expanded band. Some said that the worst case interfering stations (including clear channels) should be put in the new slots. Others commented that daytime-only stations could benefit the most from the move to the less-crowded portion of the band.

The FCC originally planned to open the expanded band in 1990, but decided to wait and include the new band's implementation in the AM package. Receiver companies have been adding expanded band tuners into their radios for over a year.

Numerous comments centered around

how to best reduce interference. Several noted that adjacent channel interference is not as big a problem as man-made interference.

The Commission has less incentive to require AM stereo or adopt mandatory receiver standards in the rulemaking because of the recent NAB/Electronic Industries Association (EIA) agreement to promote improved AM radios under the AMAX logo.

Although AMAX radios would not be required to transmit in stereo, the standard does require improved frequency response (7.5 kHz), noise blanking to reduce electrical interference and wide/narrow bandwidth circuitry, and external antenna connection. Stereo radios with such improvements would carry the AMAX certification mark.

## FCC OKs Encryption

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and a receiver set to receive that sequence.

"It's like the movie, 'Dr. Strangelove,' where they take this little box and the guy turns the numbers on the box to read 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 . . . that's the scrambling code," Johnson said. "If the receiver is turned to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, even though you have the right receiver and are on the right frequency, it will not pick up the transmission. The sequences must be exactly the same."

To those monitoring an encrypted signal without the code to unscramble, the transmission sounds like white noise, Johnson added.

In the summer of 1990, the FCC staff granted waivers to permit the use of digital encryption technology to WBTV-TV and WSOC-TV, both of Charlotte, N.C.

"After the request for the special licenses, someone here (at the FCC) asked why not permit it (for everybody)," Johnson said. "We asked what's the down side. So we put out a proposal and nobody objected."

### ID required

In a response filed with the FCC, ABC requested that stations using digital encryption be required to give non-encrypted identification at 15 minute intervals in order that any party receiving interference from the transmission can easily identify the source. The FCC adopted that request, requiring stations using F3Y emission to transmit unscrambled analog or international Morse Code station IDs at intervals not exceeding 15 minutes.

But, according to Bill Napier, assistant VP of operations at Charlotte's WBTV, the station ID matter is not much of a factor at his station due to the short duration and infrequent use of encryption.

"Our typical transmissions only last about 90 seconds and we identify the station at the beginning and end of each transmission," Napier said. "We mainly use this for sensitive news situations."

WBTV's competitor, WSOC-TV, also uses encryption for news-related communications. "We use both the non-encrypted and encrypted modes," CE Merle Thomas said. "We use the technology because of news competition and just to keep our communications private."



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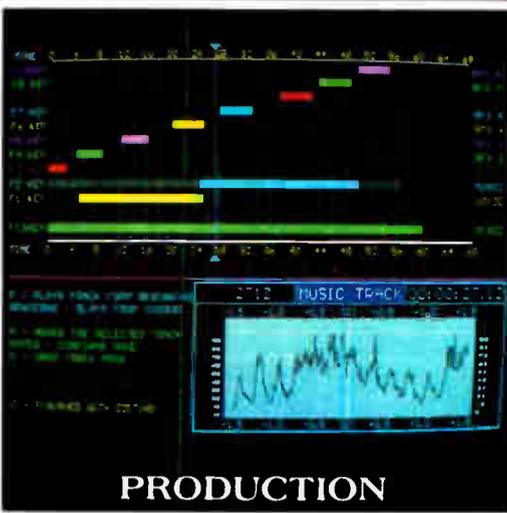
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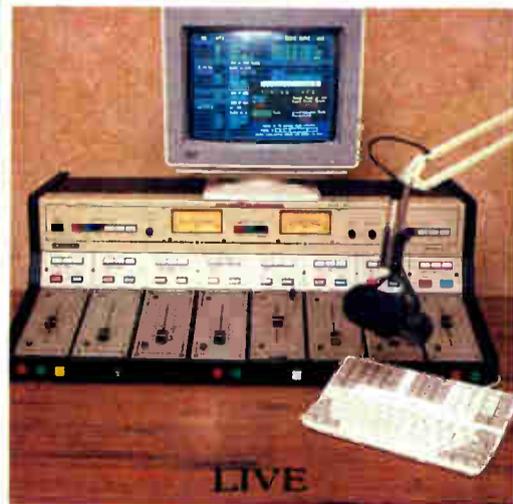


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# DAB Firms File for Preference

## Satellite CD Radio, Strother Communications Request "Pioneer" Consideration from FCC

by Judith Gross

**WASHINGTON** Two of the original FCC petitioners on DAB have jumped in early with requests for licenses under the new "Pioneer Preference" ruling.

Satellite CD Radio, whose petition last May began the debate over DAB, and Strother Communications, which has filed for numerous experimental frequencies, both asked for a preference, each with a somewhat different "twist."

While Satellite CD's request is for a nationwide hybrid satellite/terrestrial DAB service, Strother has asked for separate DAB licenses in three major markets.

Satellite CD Radio originally proposed 34 local and 66 national satellite digital channels on L-band, but later modified its proposal to include operations in the

Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) band. attention to award a single license to a pioneer. The company has asked the Commission to revisit the issue and remain open about the quantity of licenses based on the service being proposed.

SCI cited its previous petitions to the FCC for experimental authority to test DAB services. The company has received the go-ahead to test DAB on UHF-TV frequencies in Boston and Washington and is anticipating L-band test approval by mid-August. The com-

pany also has filed for in-band and satellite test authority.

SCI also pointed to its own spectrum study on DAB, only one of two completed so far (the other was the NAB's spectrum study) and its plans to set up a DAB test center in Washington as proof of meeting the Pioneer Preference technical criteria.

"This experimental facility will provide transmitters, test equipment, antennas, STLs and other related digital audio equipment to test DAB," SCI wrote. The company also said it would operate two test buses and was forming a technical advisory group to draft independent

DAB test outlines.

SCI maintained that "one license is an insufficient reward when the pioneer proposes a service in which there could be thousands of licensees." In the case of terrestrial DAB service, the company said, "three licenses would represent an appropriate reward for SCI's pioneering efforts."

SCI asked specifically for licenses in Washington, Boston and Los Angeles, and noted that it too had invested "hundreds of thousands of dollars and countless man-hours in the study and evaluation of DAB technology."

Both SCI's and Satellite CD Radio's petitions requesting preferences were filed in time for the end of July filing deadline the Commission had set for would-be pioneers who had previously filed new service DAB petitions.

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Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) band.

The Pioneer Preference requires that a petitioner ask for a specific service using a new technology or upgrade of existing technology, and that the petitioner prove technical feasibility of the plan.

Satellite CD Radio, which intends to use a DAB technology developed by Stanford Telecom, maintains that its previous description of the exact DAB (or DAR—Digital Audio Radio, as Satellite CD calls it) satellite/terrestrial service meets that qualification.

In a separate petition, the company also proposed some service in the S-band (2300 MHz). The FCC has recommended that the U.S. WARC position include some L-band and some S-band for DAB.

As to its proposal for MSS service, Satellite CD Radio also asked the Commission to adopt a "duopoly licensing scheme." That specific request addresses the FCC's original intention to award MSS to the American Mobile Satellite Service Consortium.

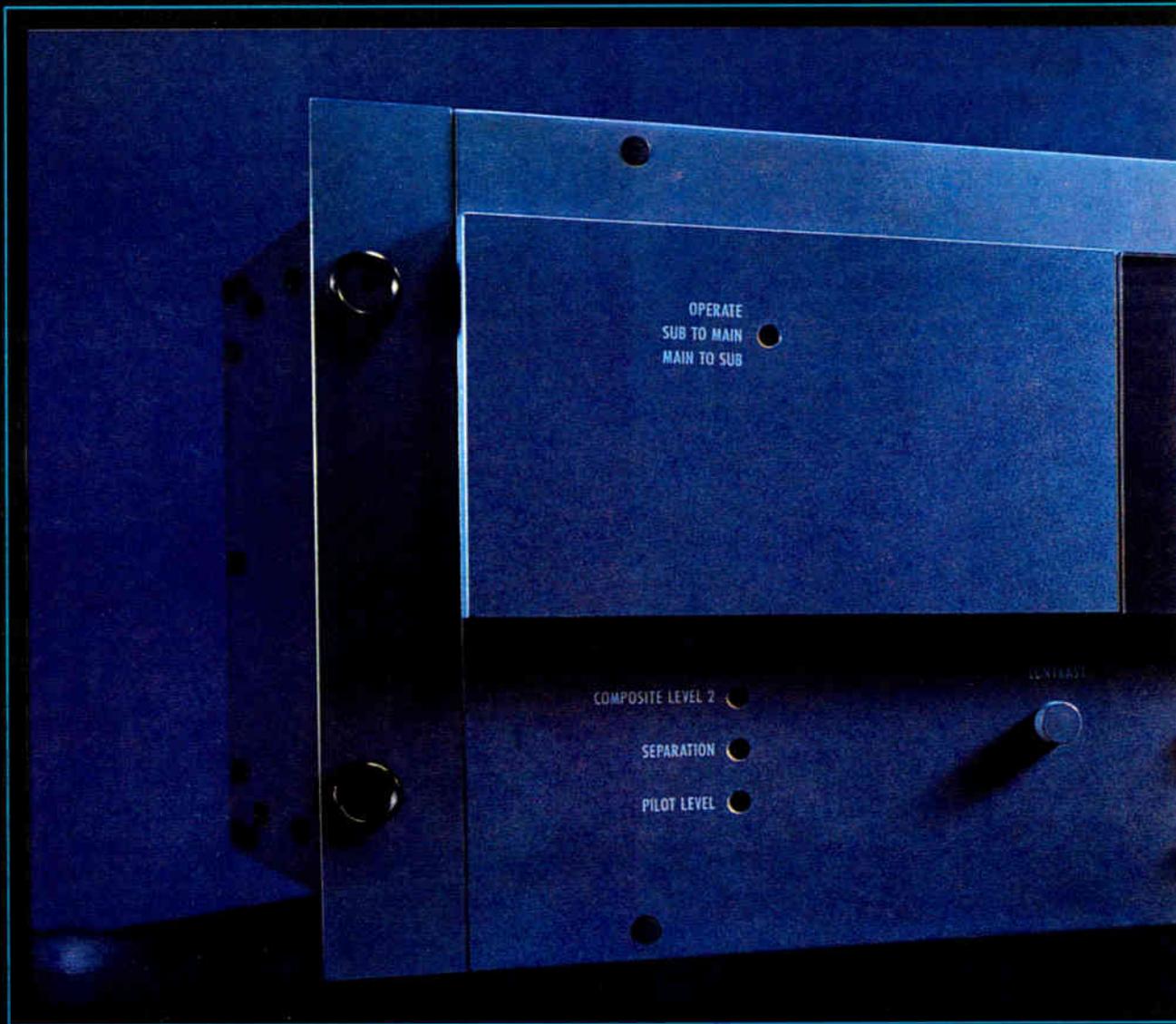
"In light of the recent U.S. Court of Appeals decision reversing the Commission's 1986 decision to establish a consortium for the provision of MSS in the upper L-band, the consortium approach proposed in the petition would appear to be no longer legally viable," Satellite CD wrote.

The company said there appears to be enough spectrum for two MSS licensees and requested that Satellite CD Radio be awarded one of them.

Concluding its request, Satellite CD Radio said it has spent "considerable resources developing its proposal and the technology needed to bring it to fruition." The reward for this, the petition stated, should be a Pioneer Preference.

SCI's main objection to the wording of the Pioneer Preference has been its in-

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by Dee McVicker

**FRAZER, Pa.** Drive-in church services? They do indeed exist, thanks to LPB of Frazer, Pa., and Part 15 of the FCC Rules.

According to LPB President Edward Devecka, one of the first churches to offer a drive-in service was the Garden Grove Community Church near Anaheim, Calif. At the insistence of the congregation's renowned pastor, Dr. Robert H. Schuller, the system was built in 1955 so churchgoers could drive through the church's parking lot and listen to the week's sermon on their AM receivers without leav-

ing their automobiles.

So popular was the concept that Schuller later put in a similar system at the famous Crystal Cathedral. The drive-in system, installed by LPB, is one of the more distinguished in the country.

## Open wall policy

"Evidently, there's a whole wall that opens up so you can see (the congregation) from the parking lot," said Devecka of the cathedral drive-in.

LPB, best known in broadcasting circles for its consoles and low-powered AM transmitters, has installed drive-in sys-

tems for Oreland Presbyterian Church in Oreland, Pa.; Reverend Bill Midema's El Dorado Park Church in Long Beach, Calif.; and countless others.

## OFFBEAT RADIO

"We did an awful lot of drive-in theaters when they were popular," Devecka commented.

Church drive-ins, like drive-in theaters, are protected under the Commission's Part

15 regulations and are unlicensed services broadcasting on the AM band, typically on 530 kHz. Subject to restrictions that prohibit them from interfering with licensed AM stations, church drive-in services typically broadcast within a confined area at very low powers.

Typically, a low-powered 5 W to 30 W transmitter is used for the service. To radiate the signal, a cable usually is buried beneath the drive-through surface to act as the antenna. Unlike carrier current systems, which LPB also has been involved with, drive-in church services do not require a coupling unit.

"The RF output of the transmitter is connected directly to cable," said Devecka, whose company offers proprietary leaky cable for this purpose. Placement of the LPB cable, which is similar to standard coaxial only with an outer braid to leak RF, depends on the area of coverage, he added.

## Hard of hearing parishioners

Inside the church, LPB and the Commission's Part 15 also have benefited hard-of-hearing parishioners.

Again using leaky cable and a low-powered AM transmitter, typically less than 5 W, this service offers parishioners the ability to hear sermons more easily on their AM receivers. To radiate the signal, LPB's exclusive RADIO-AIDE leaky cable, which runs approximately 300 feet, is looped overhead—or underfoot, in the facility's basement.

Audio source for the inside AM service, as with drive-in services, originates from the congregation's public address system to bring the sermon, choir or organ music to the church's airwaves.

Distributed cable AM transmission also is being used in churches for a myriad of other purposes, including language translation. In 1985, for example, a Billy Graham Crusade held at Anaheim Stadium in Anaheim, Calif., was host to more than 500,000 people—many of whom did not speak English.

Needing a system to relay language translations, the Graham organization decided to invest in low-powered AM transmission. The result—an expansive setup, with low-powered LPB AM transmitters operating on several unused AM frequencies based on LPB proprietary leaky cable.

During the crusade, volunteer translators, set up in the upper deck section of the stadium in announcement booths overlooking the stadium, translated Billy Graham's sermon into seven languages every night of the event.

The translators were supplied with headset mics, enabling them to translate the sermon over the AM band. These headsets provided the volunteers with an audio feed direct from the stadium sound reinforcement system and enabled them to translate the sermon into the headphone mic for broadcast to participants through the radio system.

Those wanting to hear the service on AM were free to bring their own battery-operated AM receiver or to purchase radios offered by the Graham organization at cost. More than 13,000 radios were sold by the organization for this crusade alone.

Today, this setup travels around the world with Billy Graham's crusades. Said

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# Shedding Light on Tower Rules

by Harold Hallikainen

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.** Last month, I pointed out several methods of meeting the FCC's required daily inspection of tower lights.

I mentioned that most stations do a local or remote inspection of the tower lights or the current drawn by the lights. Tower light alarms were rare. Since then, I've received information on a tower light alarm system available from Flying Fur Industries. You can call them at 303-484-2704.

## INSIGHT ON RULES

In addition, I received a letter suggesting that Part 17.54 of the FCC Rules requires correct tower light lamp voltages only on steady burning "obstruction lights." Most tower lighting rules use the word "obstruction" only in reference to the steady burning lamps.

### Obstruction lamps

However, I believe the "obstruction" is the tower itself, so all lamps are obstruction lamps and subject to the voltage requirement of 17.54. This is supported by the section on reporting tower light failures (17.48(a)), which refers to "any flashing obstruction light."

A reason for running lamps at lower voltage is, of course, to extend their life. Lamps normally die due to the extremely high inrush current. I just measured the cold resistance of a 620 W 120 V lamp at 1.7 ohms, giving an inrush current of 71 amps, compared with a steady state current of 5.2 amps.

This 71-amp inrush causes severe magnetic forces on the filament and blows any "weak spot" in the filament that would otherwise be able to take the 5.2 amp steady current. The inrush current is only 70 amps during the initial flash of the lamp.

Successive flashes draw less current, since the filament does not cool off to the ambient temperature quickly. Still, this initial current probably causes a lot of lamps to fail. The inrush current is limited somewhat by wiring resistance. It seems possible to choose a wire size to wire the tower lights so the lamps still get the right voltage, but the inrush current is substantially reduced due to the wire resistance.

Another approach might be for the tower light flasher manufacturers to use phase control to "soft start" the lamps. The FCC rules do not specify the optical rise and fall times of the flashing beacon, so some research may be required here.

### New schedule of fines

In the past, the FCC has typically fined stations \$1,000 for tower light problems, with an extreme case drawing a fine of \$8,000. The FCC has released a new schedule of fines. Inadequate tower lighting and marking will now draw a fine of \$20,000.

A station can get a \$20,000 fine for misrepresentation to the FCC, tower lighting and marking problems, unauthorized construction or operation, unauthorized transfer of control, false distress broadcasts or misuse of distress and safety frequencies.

Refusing to permit inspection of the station can result in an \$18,750 fine. Many

people think a station must be available for inspection only "during normal business hours." Part 73.1225 authorizes the FCC to make an inspection during the station's normal business hours—or any time the station is operating.

Part 73.2526(d) requires the public inspection file to be available "during regular business hours," and 73.1225 lists the records that must be available during an FCC inspection. Part 73.1225 does not list the public inspection file, yet at least one station was cited for not having it available in the middle of the night.

A \$17,500 fine may result from failure to respond to FCC communications or malicious interference. I saw records of one station owner who refused to sign for certified mail. The FCC ended up sending the mail without certification.

### Show EBS test

In the past, a station would typically get a \$1,000 fine if the EBS equipment was not operating properly. That has been increased to \$12,500. If your station log does not show transmission and reception of the required weekly EBS test, it is likely the station will be cited for this violation.

It is *very* important that the weekly log review by the chief operator is checked for these log entries. Any missing EBS log entry should be noted in the log review, along with what action is being taken.

A \$12,500 fine also may result from running excessive power, unauthorized emissions, unauthorized frequency, indecent programming (though this is an active area in the courts), equal employment opportunity (EEO) violations or political broadcast violations.

A \$10,000 fine may result from unauthorized discontinuance of service. Part 73.1750 requires the FCC to be notified at least two days in advance, then requires the station authorizations to be immediately sent in for cancellation.

A \$10,000 fine also may result from use of unauthorized equipment (type approved, etc., as required), violation of the main studio rule, unauthorized location (probably transmitter location), or inadequate frequency coordination. Part 73.1125 generally allows an AM station's main studio to be located anywhere within the 5 mV/m daytime contour, and an FM station's main studio to be located anywhere within the 3.16 mV/m contour.

### Immediately notified

The FCC must be immediately notified of any change in the main studio location. I've recently read that the FCC expects the "main studio" to have the capability of putting programming on the air. A management and staff presence also is expected at the main studio, possibly requiring a minimum of two people (one management, one staff).

Some stations have maintained a minimal main studio within the specified contour while having a major studio in a larger nearby community. Other stations broadcast network programming almost exclusively, or have entered time brokerage agreements, reducing the required staff level and program origination requirements. These stations especially should ensure they are complying with the main studio expectations of the FCC.

A \$7,500 fine may result from failure to make required FCC filings or maintain the public inspection files.

A \$5,000 fine may be levied if a station does not maintain technical logs (yes, the station log is still required), for broadcast of telephone calls without permission or failure to maintain time-brokerage files. A \$2,500 fine may result from a failure to make required measurements.

### Intentional violation

The actual amount of a fine may vary plus or minus 90 percent, based on amount of harm, intentional violation, prior violation of same rule, economic gain by the rule violation and ability to pay.

Bill Sepmeier of National Supervisory Network tipped me to the new FCC Broad-

cast Station Self-Inspection Report (see separate news story in this issue).

The 20-page form looks like an excellent idea. Next month, we'll review the Self-Inspection Report in detail. If you'd like a copy, send \$2 for copying to H&F, 141 Suburban Road, Building E4, San Luis Obispo, Calif. 93401-7590 and an SASE envelope (52¢ postage).

Finally, I'll look forward to seeing you at the NAB Radio 1991 convention in San Francisco. NAB has asked me to be on the "New FCC Technical Regulations and Your Responsibilities" panel on Friday, Sept. 13.

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# A Road Tour of Radio From the Heartland

by George Riggins

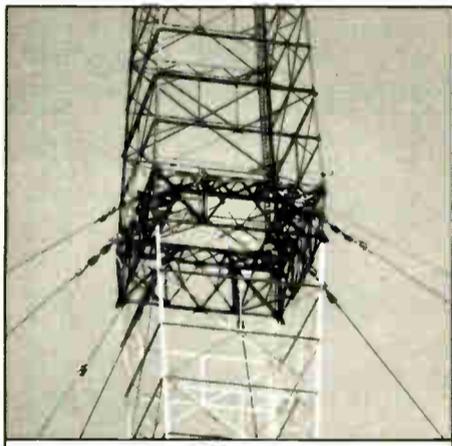
**EVONA, Ky.** No, you will not find the location on a modern map of Kentucky.

Evona was a small back-in-a-hollow post office that was closed about 30 years ago when the last postmistress retired.

Helen and I are staying on property that has been in the family since about 1825. It is two or three hollows over and up a creek from the nearest radio tower. There is no line of sight to any transmitting location. The closest FM transmitter is about 16 or 18 miles away. The next nearest FM transmitters are about equidistant ESE or WSW.

Yes, it's the time of year when we travel around and attempt to report what we do and do not hear. Here in Evona, nothing but white noise was discernable using the "Tin Ear" on the AM band during the day. I heard Radio Havana and KRLD Dallas/Fort Worth in the middle of the night.

The FM band was another story. There were about 10 or 12 good signals, including at least two of the Kentucky State Net-



WSM's guy lines revisited.

work stations. A look at the topography indicates that no FM signal *should* have penetrated into the area where Helen and I were staying.

Next stop.

**MONTROSE, Miss.** Way out in the Piney Woods. The Tin Ear did not do any better out in the woods of Mississippi than it did in the narrow hollows of Kentucky. The nighttime AM fare included one or two stations from Mexico and WBAT with the Texas Rangers baseball game. FM reception was good, although there were not as many stations to be heard in comparison to the Kentucky location.

One note: All but one or two of the FM signals lit the stereo indicator and were strong signals. None of the AM signals was strong enough to have any effect on the tuning indicator.

Next.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** We revisited the WSM transmitter location for additional pictures of the guy points on the tower and the open wire antenna feed. In fact, both the main antenna and the short auxiliary antenna use an identical open wire feeder rather than coax line.

Another interesting item in the history of WSM is the fact that an early owner liked symphonic music and rebroadcast symphony orchestras live from Europe long before there were trans-Atlantic broadcast program lines. To accomplish the task of obtaining good quality music

live, a triple diversity receiving system was designed and installed.

One antenna was located at the WSM transmitter location and the other two receiving antennas—all Rhombics—were offset by about a mile on either side of the transmitter location. One or two of the



poles for the Rhombic located at the transmitter site still are standing near one edge of the property.

WSM still has a complete machine shop at the transmitter location. Fabrication of items not readily available on the open market is done on the premises. One project in progress was a new diesel fuel filtering and recirculating system for the emergency generator.

The picture showing the guy lines at the mid-point of the WSM tower was taken from the transmitter building. One must remember that the face of the tower at the mid-point measures 38 feet across and is about 385 feet above the ground.

**DUNCAN, Ill.** Yes, Duncan is still on the map. There are about seven families still living in this former farming community. They do not have too much of a menu to choose from when it comes to entertainment on the radio bands.

The powerhouse Chicago AM stations were good listening at night. All four of the 50 kW stations had signals that would activate the tuning indicator and light the stereo light. I was even able to get the score of a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game by listening to Harry Caray on the Cubs broadcast.

Some of the Peoria stations, both AM and FM, could be heard in the middle of the night. I am surprised that there is not a station licensed to Princeville, Ill. It appears that almost every other little dot on the map qualifies for a local station.

Quad Cities was another location that presented signals at night for the lonely seeking noise or company. Nothing from St Louis or Springfield, though.

A quick update regarding WBT-AM Charlotte, N.C. Dave Herick, GM of WCEH Hawkinsville, Ga., recently called to report that Hurricane Hugo had done in the two outer towers at WBT. Dave stated that he grew up in the shadows of the towers and feels that he has lost two long remembered and familiar landmarks.

John Stalder of Springfield, Ohio, called to report another "Franklin" tower. John reports that WBNS-AM Columbus, is using a shorter version of the Blaw Knox antenna used at WSM, WLW and WBT. At 1460 kHz, a 5/8-wave antenna should be about 420 feet high. This figure ignores all variables and is based on free space factors. Please don't prove me too far off the actual measurements.

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# Safety (First) Can Save Lives

by Barry Mishkind

**TUCSON, Ariz.** On the surface, radio seems to be a safe occupation. After all, except for the sales staff, everyone sits around inside all day. The most strenuous effort might be when the DJ tries to reach for the next cart while talking into the microphone.

But as we discussed last month, stations that care about the work environment really try to eliminate hazards of all sorts. By avoiding broken furniture, torn carpets and wires strung around, about the worst you might expect is a hangnail.

Even on a remote, there's probably more

danger from the DJs eating too much chicken or pizza than from an upset listener. Most larger market stations now routinely send multiple staffers or interns out to remotes.

Yet the one place where safety really counts often is the most neglected: the transmitter site.

### Dangerous safari

Usually the least visited part of a station's facilities (many managers have never even been there), the transmitter site can harbor many dangers. Some are easily handled with minimal exposure. Others require real effort on the part of management.

Since there is little traffic, some stations use the transmitter building as a sort of storage shed.

Another little annoyance comes from the animals attracted by the clutter or lack of activity. Rodents, spiders, wasps, etc., can often be found living among the transmission gear and other items.

These problems are relatively easily cured. Some effort at keeping the site clean and orderly will result in less clutter and falling boxes. That and regular visits by an exterminator will prevent spiders and rats from taking over.

Somewhat more dangerous are technical problems that exist and have been ignored or forgotten over a period of time. Some of these can kill.

A prime example is the exposed transmission line or matching network that was put in quickly to fix a problem. The CE might know the danger and be careful. But visitors may not, and the engineer himself may even forget which conductor is hot with RF at which time.

### Good Engineering Practice

GEP (Good Engineering Practice) and the FCC Rules require that things like this are covered, preventing contact with persons in the building. Even if the CE is the only one with a key to the door lock and the building is surrounded by a locked fence, the inside of the building must be safe.

One engineer was written up by an inspector for having the back of the transmitter open and the interlock defeated. The reason given—that the fan had failed and the back was open for ventilation—was not accepted.

For most engineers, the number of fried snakes and mice (and their smell) is enough of an inconvenience. There's no need to endanger pets or human visitors—not even that pesky program director.

True, some tests require opening the protective covers or bypassing the interlocks in high voltage or high current areas. This can present real danger to technical personnel. One solution presented, in a discussion in the SBE echo on FidoNet by moderator Ray Vaughan, suggested transmitters have more built-in test meters, with clip-on test leads that could be placed on components.

### Buddying up

Nevertheless, under pressure from the PD or GM to get back on the air more quickly, the engineer all too often finds himself taking shortcuts. If such repairs are attempted while tired, the engineer is truly putting his life in his hands.

Reports that come in such as the one

from WZAL-AM in McDonough, Ga., where a man was electrocuted while working on a transmitter, are truly sad to hear. Worse yet, the initial reports seem to indicate he might have lived if someone had been on site with him.

An engineer I spoke with recently nearly had his lights put permanently out by a transmitter that supposedly had only low voltage on. Shocked across the chest, he likely owes his life to having another person on site—he wasn't able to dial the phone for help.

Perhaps this is an area in which the SBE could really make a difference for the average engineer. By not only regularly educating members to the dangers, but helping ownership to see the need to have two

## ECLECTIC ENGINEER

persons on site whenever dangerous voltages are present, would be a real service to the industry.

Should there be an FCC rule or law mandating a second person? Or are the OSHA rules already enough? While considering this, remember federal and state OSHA inspectors check precious few transmitter sites, and too many owners know that.

Sentiments of several engineers polled seem to indicate that some organized effort in this area would be good. Individually, they don't have much clout against management that resists spending cash on a second person "just in case." Positive attitudes toward safety don't just happen without effort.

### Other hazards

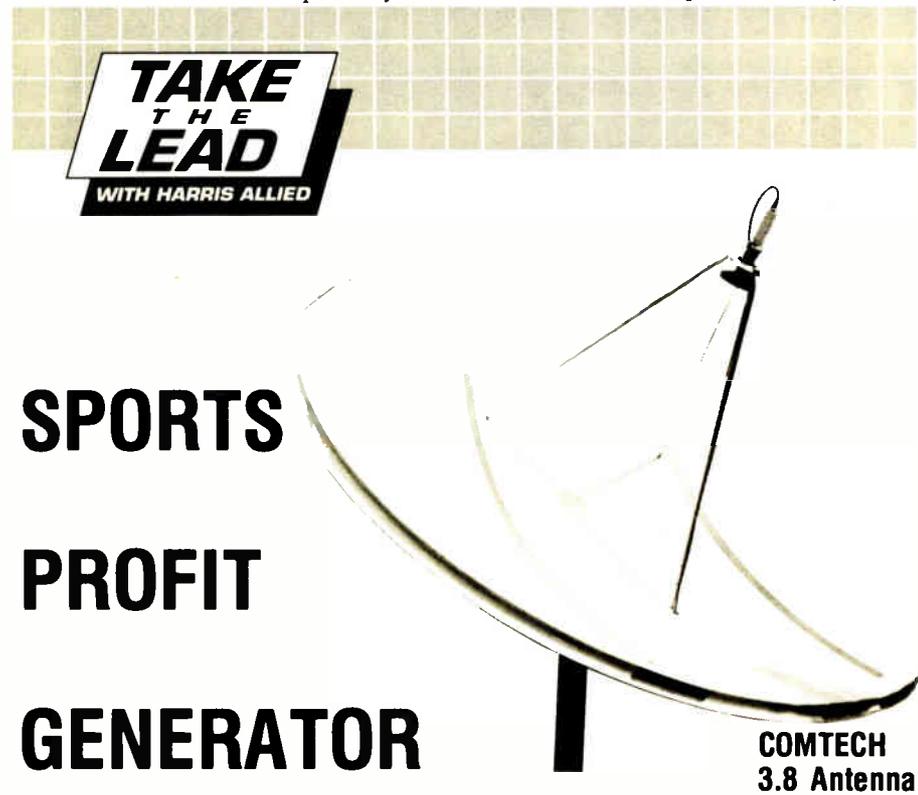
Actually, this positive attitude toward safety really applies to a lot of activities that occur at the transmitter site. For example, unless the foliage is kept cut back, it's possible for an engineer walking out to the tower to trip and fall in a hole dug by an animal or to be bitten by snakes. While not instantaneously fatal, it's no joke to be hurt out where you are often alone.

Sometimes a station will ask the engineer to mount or repair an antenna or even a tower light. While this can save lots of money compared to the fees of a tower crew, one minor miscalculation can put someone in danger.

EPA and local laws relating to RF levels have received a great deal of press over the past few years. While it's true that many engineers have sat under 50 kW transmitters for years without apparent harmful effect, it wouldn't hurt for a station to spend a little money to investigate whether there are any RF "hot spots" that ought to be avoided where possible.

So, does the management of your station

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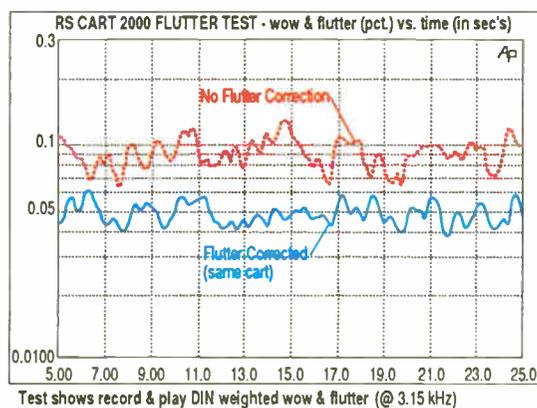
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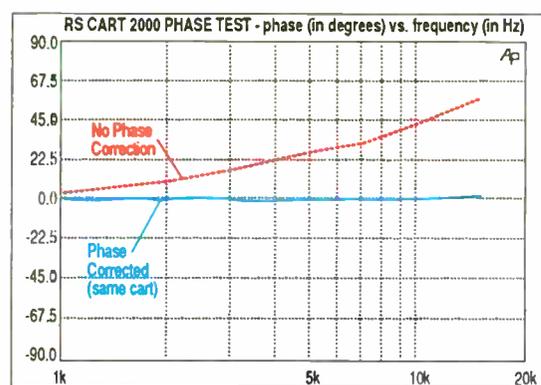
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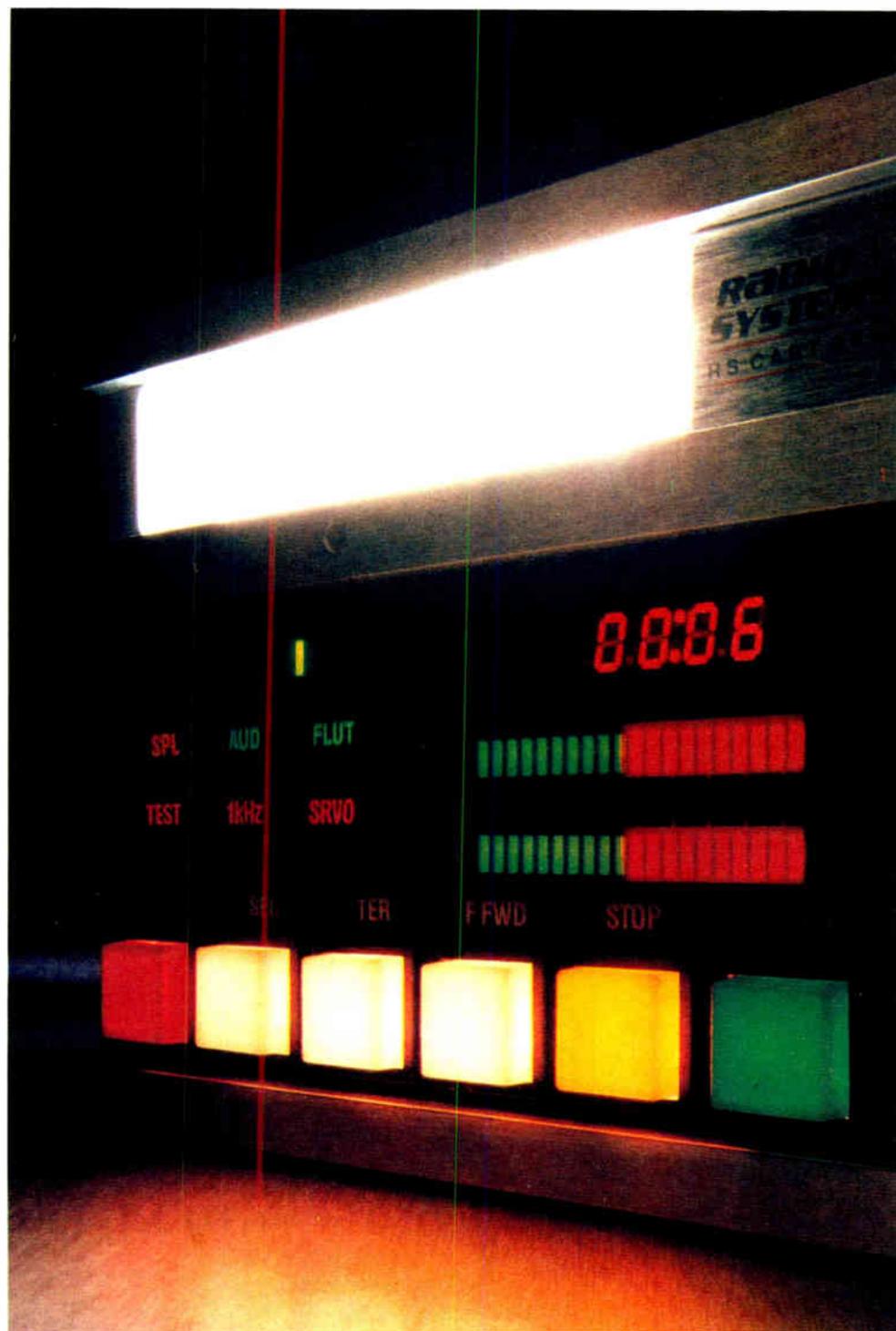
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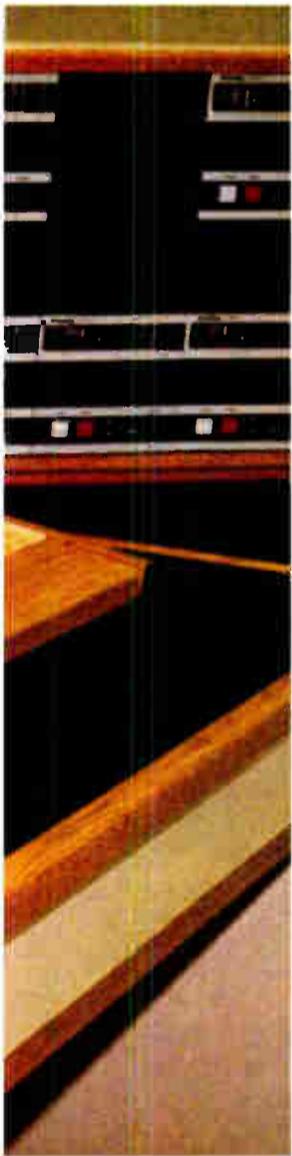
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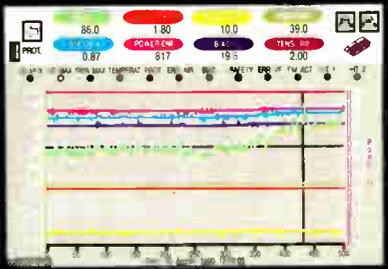
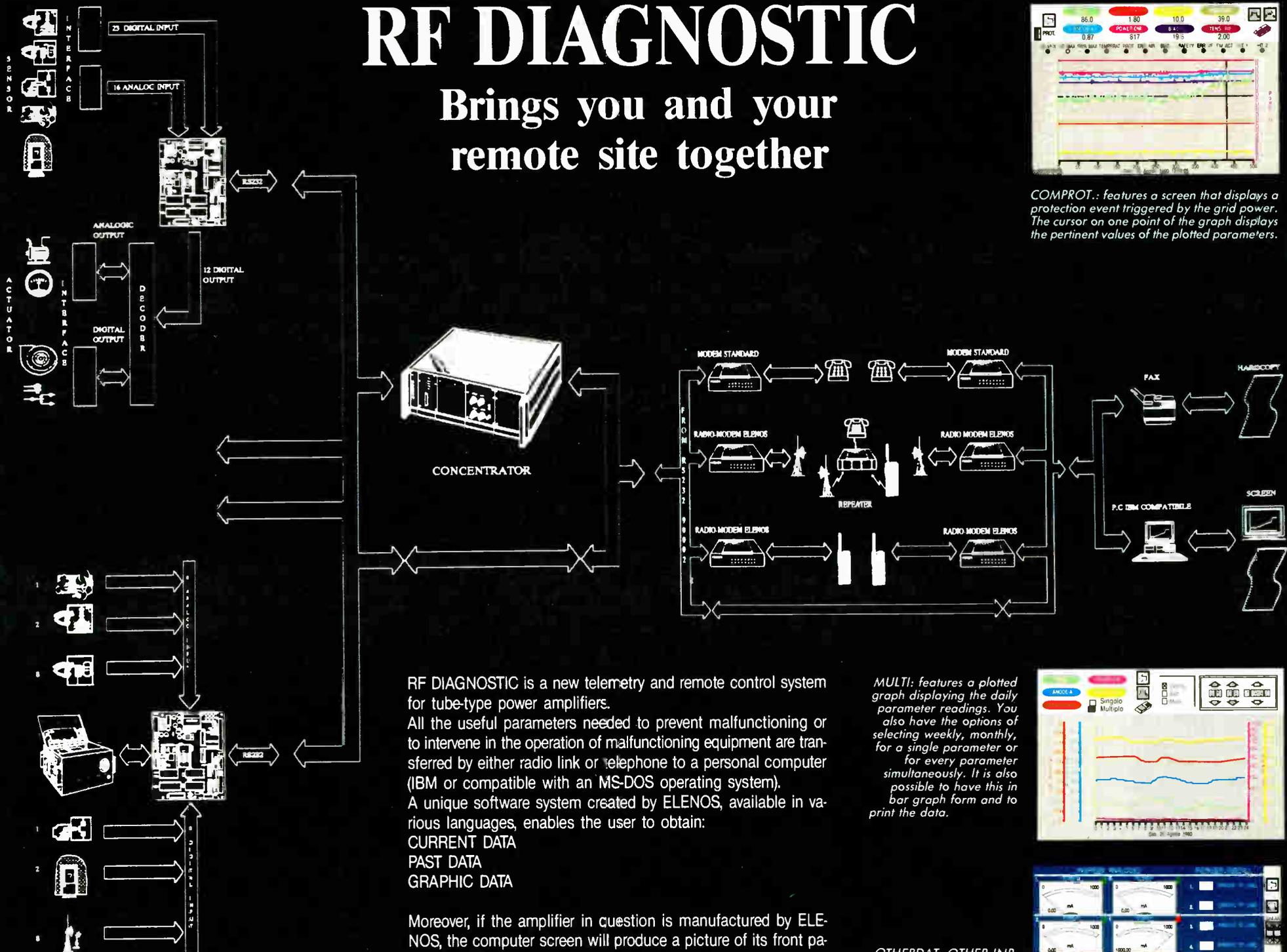
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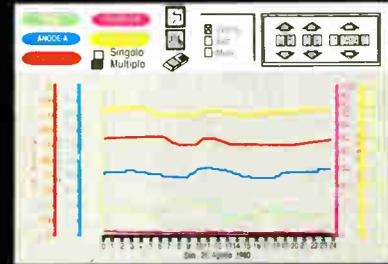
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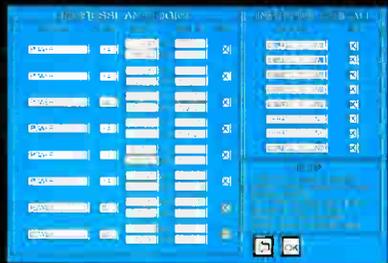
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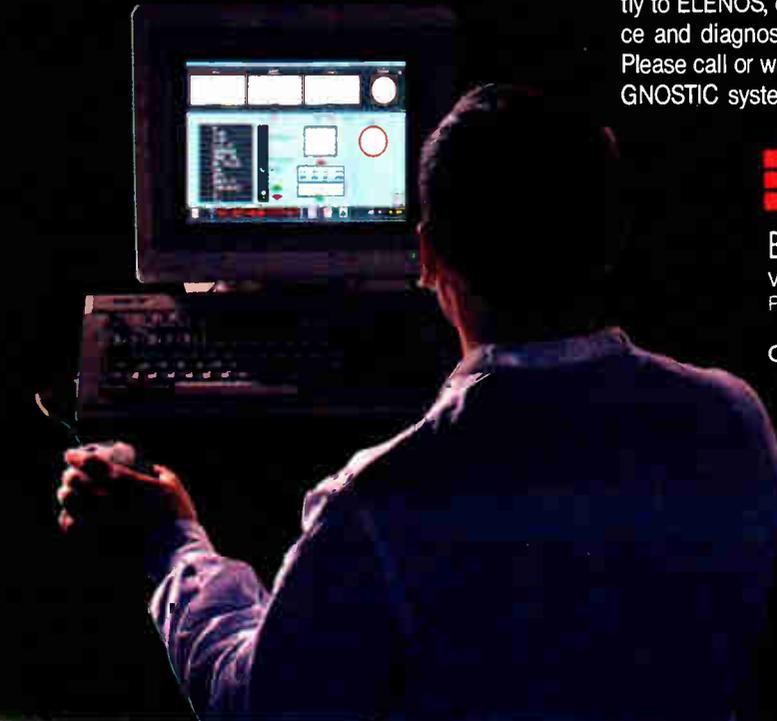
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# Static Protection for Towers

by John "Q" Shepler

## Part III

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** You've installed power line surge protectors to clamp those high voltage spikes right at the service entrance. This blocks one major path that lightning takes into your equipment. The next most frequent entrance is via the antenna system.

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ment a stage at a time. The most likely candidate for a lightning hit is the tower. Protecting the tower also is one of the best ways to protect all of the other RF equipment.

Think of the tower as a great big lightning rod. It's the highest structure in the area, by design. This makes it the most likely candidate to take a strike when thunderstorms come over.

Lightning, like all other electricity, likes to take the shortest path to ground. Shortest means lowest impedance. The shortest physical distance is not always the lowest impedance. However, when air is the only thing between highly charged clouds and ground, the tallest conductor in the area is most likely the lowest impedance path.

Here's something that might surprise you. A lightning rod works best by *not* getting hit by lightning. The whole purpose of those pointy rods is to drain off charge before it can build up high enough to cause an actual lightning strike.

The idea is that sharply pointed objects discharge static much better than rounded objects. Rounded objects tend to build up a charge. Pointed objects drain a charge. Prior to a strike, lightning is nothing more than a big static charge. The clouds are building up one polarity and the ground is building up another. Anything connected to the ground has the same charge as the ground itself.

Now, if your tower has the smallest gap to the clouds and the same charge as everything else, it's going to get hit for sure. Better to reduce the potential between the clouds overhead and the tower and let some other charged object take the hit. You can do this by having one or more sharp points on the tower and having the tower grounded for DC.

Most towers have a pointed metal "lightning" rod attached to the top of the tower and sticking up above the beacon. This rod needs to have a low resistance DC connection to ground through the tower

members. It is best if the rod is welded to the top section and the sections are welded together. If the connections are

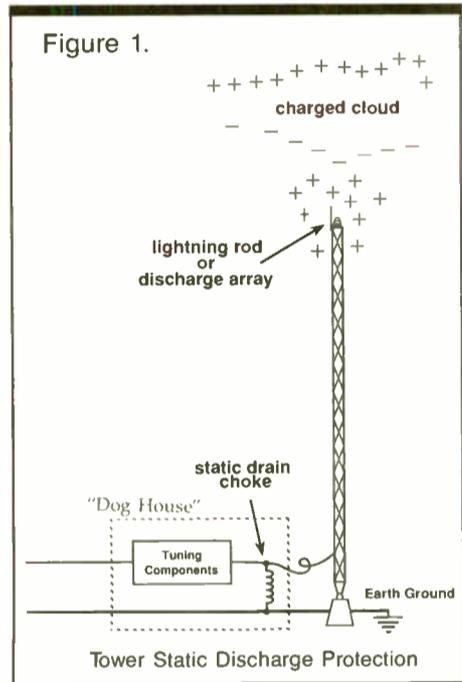
## Q-TIPS

corroded, the DC resistance is higher. A corroded tower is also a poor radiator if it is being used as an AM antenna.

The bottom of the antenna needs a good earth ground. For FM and communication towers, this involves simply connecting the tower frame itself to a solid earth ground. AM antennas are trickier, because connecting the tower to ground generally shorts out the signal. What is needed is a DC path to ground that also looks like an open circuit to RF. Such a device is called a "static drain choke."

The static drain choke is a coil of wire mounted on an insulating form. It connects from the AM feedline to antenna ground. The wire doesn't have to be a large diameter because the static discharge currents will be less than an amp.

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coupling transformer, feedline, connectors, phasor and transmitter RF sections are all vulnerable.

Do you have any extra antennas hanging on the tower? RPU or two-way antennas and their transceivers are just as likely to be damaged in a strike as your main transmitters.

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# A Course in Couplers

by Bruce Bartlett  
with Jenny Bartlett

**ELKHART, Ind.** To do a remote broadcast via telephone lines or to put on a telephone talk show, you need a telephone coupler. This device interfaces your audio mixer with the telephone network.

Most couplers have a modular phone jack for the telephone line, another modular jack for a telephone set and audio send/receive jacks that connect to your mixer (Figure 1).

Before we look at specific models, let's define some terms associated with audio couplers.

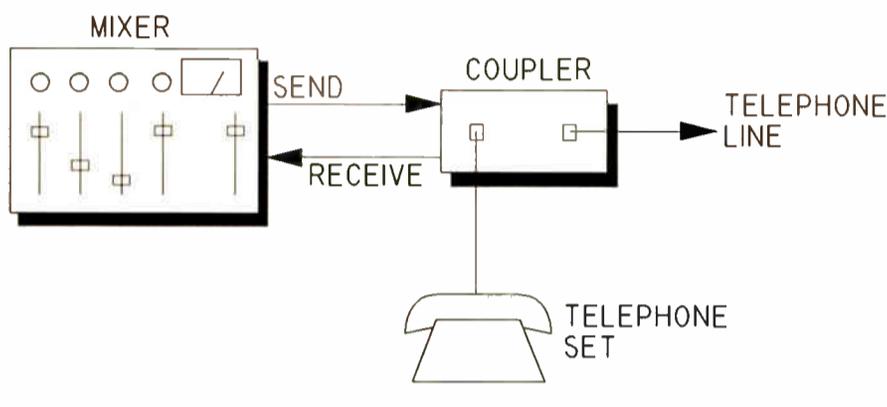
• *Telco*: The telephone company.

Typically, this transformer has a single primary winding for the telephone line, two secondary windings for mixer-audio send and receive, and a third secondary winding for an RC equalizer circuit.

## LINE OUT

• *Null*: The separation in dB between the send and receive audio signals, approximately 15 dB. Some couplers come with a null control. Advanced couplers add digital signal processing circuitry to achieve more than 45 dB of separation.

Figure 1.



- *Line*: The telephone cable that connects the coupler to the telephone network (usually via a wall jack).
- *Set*: The telephone handset you use with the coupler.
- *Modular telephone jack*: The standard RJ11C jack used to connect a set or a line to the coupler.
- *Hybrid or hybrid coil*: A transformer in the coupler that transfers telephone audio to your mixer and transfers mixer audio back to the phone line. The hybrid coil is a multi-winding transformer that permits simultaneous two-way communications.

- *Seize or hold*: To load or terminate a phone line. The phone company wants you to put a load on the line. This load tells them to feed a phone signal to you, to establish communication with a dialed-up telephone line.
- *Tap*: A high-impedance or bridging connection to a phone line. A coupler with this feature lets you send and receive audio while using the telephone at the same time. The telephone holds or terminates the line.
- *Loop*: A complete telephone circuit; a connection to a dialed-up party.
- *Loop drop*: Provided by most telephone companies, loop drop is a disconnect signal from the phone company.

With these definitions in hand, we can understand the features of commercially available couplers. Let's look at some made by Gentner Electronics Corp.

First, Gentner's Hybrid Coupler provides an easy, inexpensive way to couple your audio to the phone line. This passive device lets you send and receive audio simultaneously.

To use the coupler, simply plug in a telephone and a telephone line. Also connect audio cables to and from your mixer. A switch on the front of the coupler lets you seize the line, tap the line or disconnect. A null trimmer permits adjustment of the audio separation between send and

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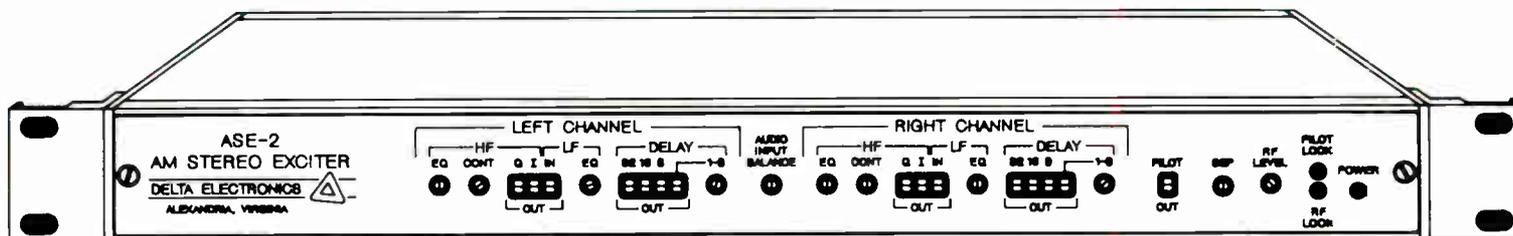
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# WORKBENCH

## Planning for Winter

by John Bisset

**FALLS CHURCH, Va.** It's hard to think of the serenity of fall without also conjuring up the season to follow. Now is the time to plan your attack against Old Man Winter.

We begin with a tip from KICD CE Joe Schloss. Spencer, Iowa isn't

known for its mild winters and Joe has racked in plenty of time sweeping snow out of satellite dishes. So much so that he found that applying a car paste wax to the dish in the fall made cleaning the snow out of it a much simpler task.

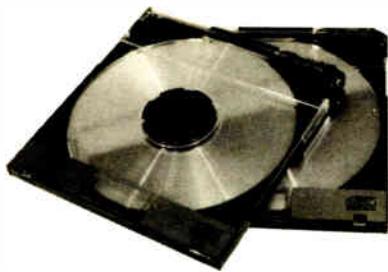
The job is easier on larger dishes by using an extended sponge mop



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to both apply and buff the paste. Wrapping an old T-shirt around the mop will make buffing easier. The hardest part of this tip is trying to get the GM to reimburse you for car wax.

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If your station has a traffic plane or RPU with multiple antenna receive sites, you'll want to look into the 4RV-Voter package from Doug Hall Electronics of Columbus, Ohio. Jon Banks, CE at WLTT-FM here in Washington, D.C., installed one recently and I'm as impressed as he is with how it works.

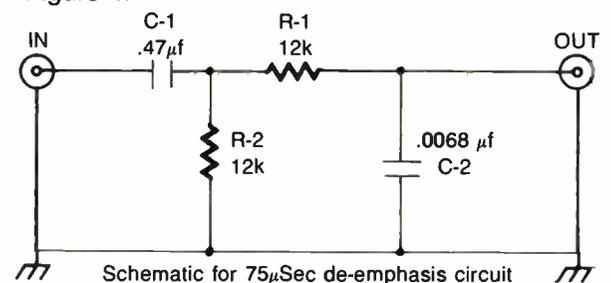
Doug Hall Electronics builds a lot of amateur and two-way gear. The frequency response on this device is reasonable, and if you have a PL system and can ID your transmissions

if no one else is on that frequency, you can set the system up to vote on noise.

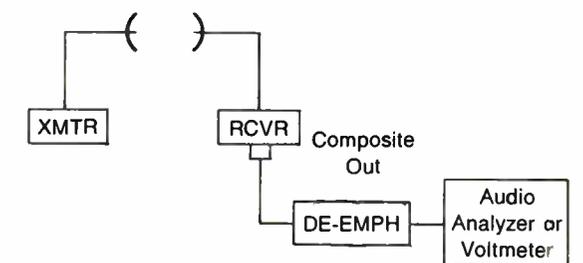
The system votes on how clean the signal is, and then switches to that best receiver. When the sites are

WJLA-TV Maintenance Engineer Anthony Ferrigno came up with the solution to this problem, pictured in Figure 1. In addition to holding some basic tools, the metal tackle

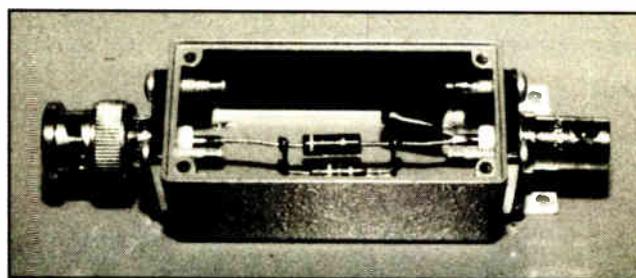
Figure 1.



Schematic for 75µSec de-emphasis circuit



Typical use of de-emphasis circuit to verify SNR in an STL system



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matched up well for level, the switching is inaudible. If you'd like more information, circle Reader Service 16.

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Another concern as one prepares for winter is the adequate supply of tools at each site. For a typical transmitter site, this is not a problem. After all, it's either you or your assistant who has keys, so no tools should be walking off. At shared sites, tool security can be another matter altogether.

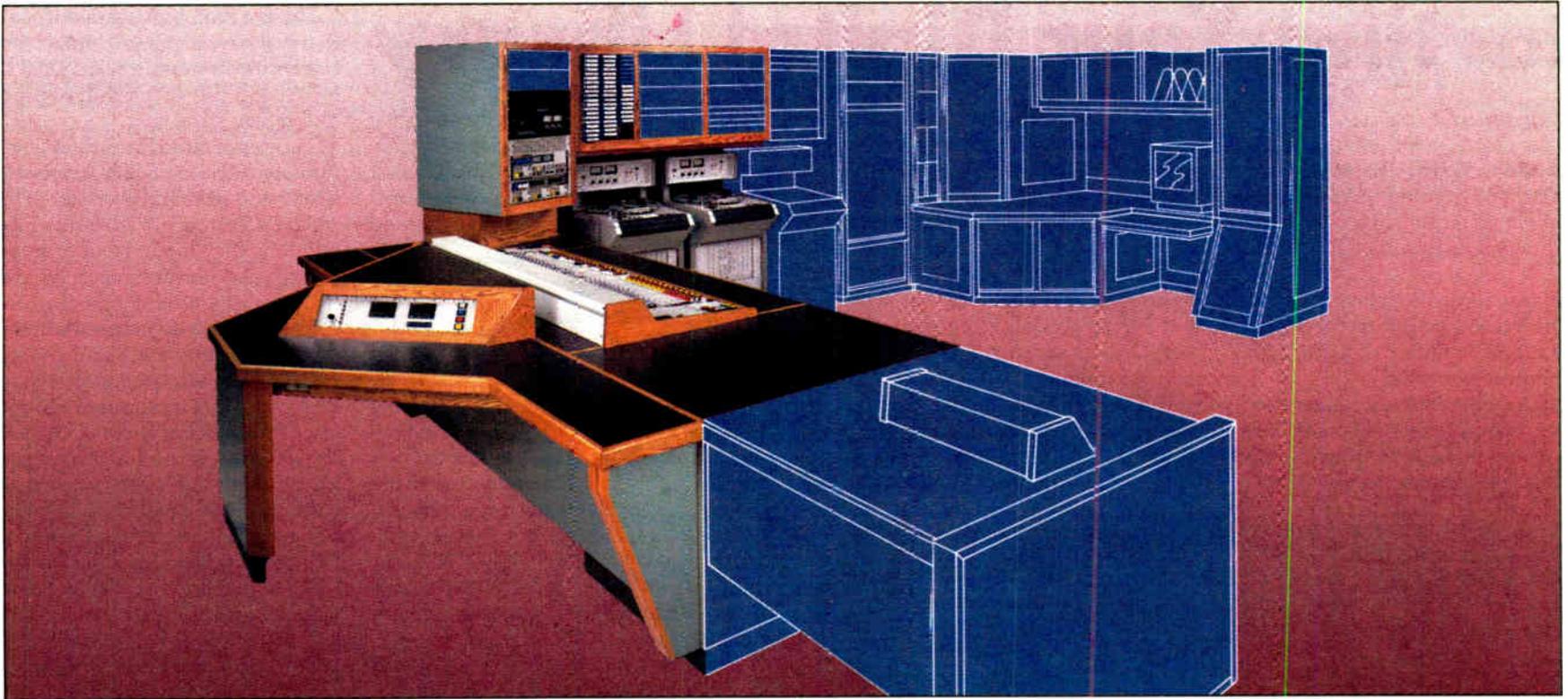
box also holds a slim-line telephone. The combination lock eliminates forgotten keys—in fact, a key to the rack door can be kept inside (one less key for your key ring). For a rooftop STL or RPU site in which your rack is just one of a number of tenants, a locked toolbox makes sense.

While you're at that STL site, you'll find measuring the composite output of the STL receiver easier by using the de-emphasis circuit shown in Figure 2. When built into the

Pomona box as shown, with built-in bnc jacks, the construction is a breeze. TFT supplied the schematic for this particular test fixture. The concept can be used with any STL that uses 75 µsec pre-emphasis and de-emphasis to enhance signal-to-noise figures.

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# Starting Your Digital Library

by Mel Lambert

**STUDIO CITY, Calif.** Rapid developments in digital recording and production techniques often mean that keeping up to date with technology can be a daunting task.

Several new recording/playback media have been introduced during the past decade, including compact disc, DAT and magneto-optical systems.

Without a comprehensive understanding of their many operational parameters, it is all too easy to become overwhelmed by the available options.

So just how can we expect to keep up with the rapid advances in digital technology? Hopefully, columns such as this can help define the latest developments and news from our industry, but there also exists a fine collection of textbooks that can rapidly bring you up to speed.

This month, I would like to provide a brief survey of what I consider to be very useful additions to any chief engineer's technical library.

• "The Art of Digital Audio," second edition, by John Watkinson (Focal Press, 1990), is quite possibly *the* best source of information on a broad range of digital subjects.

Various chapters cover analog-to-digital conversion and DACs; data coding techniques; DSP functions; digital interconnect and I/O formats; channel coding; error-correction schemes; video-based

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and stationary-head recorders; disk-based recorders including WORM and magneto-optical; and compact disc. Watkinson's style is highly readable and covers the ground thoroughly. Highly recommended.

• "Principles of Digital Audio," second edition, by Ken Pohlmann (Howard W. Sams, 1989), also is an eminently respectable source of information, written in an easy-to-follow style.

Chapters cover audio basics (room acoustics and hearing); basic digital theory; basic recording and playback techniques; coding/interfaces and transmission; error correction; hard-disk and optical storage techniques; CD basics; DSP functions and digital audio workstations. Thoroughly recommended.

• "Digital Audio Operations," by Francis Rumsey (Focal Press, 1991), takes a detailed look at the techniques for setting up and operating an all-digital facility, including serial and parallel digital I/Os; as well as synchronization of multiple digital sources, including processors, editors,

recorders and workstations.

This is a thorough treatment of a subject that will have increased impact on broadcasters as we move toward DAB and the increasing use of hard-disk production and replay systems.

• "Tapeless Sound Recording," by Francis Rumsey (Focal Press, 1990), provides a basically non-technical overview of the principles and practice of hard-disk recording, and how they might be used in a variety of production environments. An ideal book for the uninitiated user that needs to be quickly brought up to speed with random-access recording and editing systems.

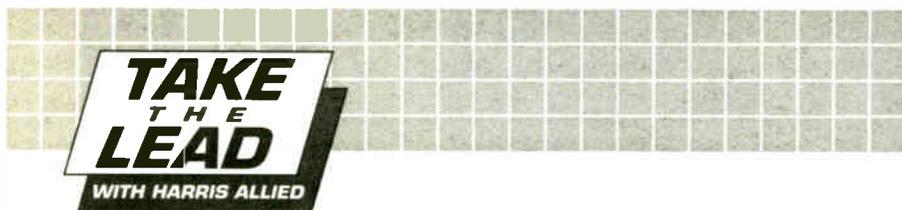
• "RDAT," by John Watkinson (Focal Press, 1991), provides a thorough technical and operational description of Digital Audio Tape, including mechanical transport designs; recorded signal formats; error-correction schemes; and just about anything else you might need to know about this professional recording format.

A comprehensive treatment of a potentially complex subject.

• "Coding for Digital Recording," by John Watkinson (Focal Press, 1990), provides a comprehensive overview of the various principles of magnetic and optical recording; characteristics of stationary- and rotary-head transports; concepts of channel coding; error-correction techniques; plus detailed analysis of several recording formats, including compact disc, DAT and CD-ROM.

• "Digital Audio Broadcasting: A Status Report and Outlook," by Marcia L. De Sonne (National Association of Broadcasters, Washington, 1990), represents an essential introduction and overview to the

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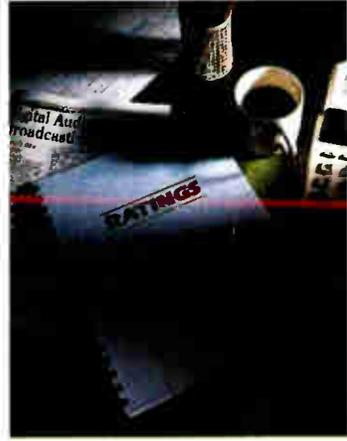
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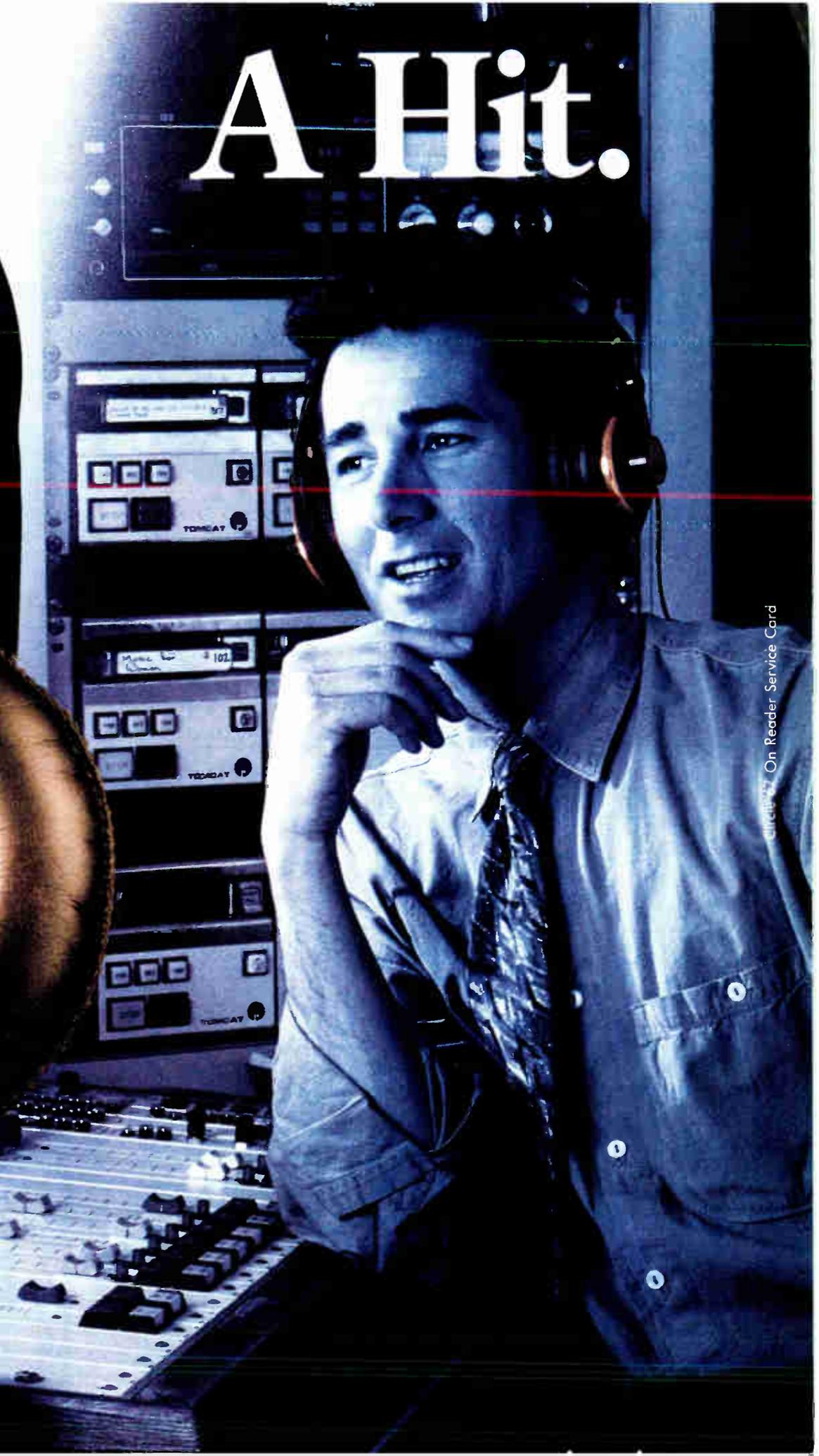
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# Your Digital Library

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various technical and operational parameters of DAB formats and transmission systems, as well as insight into the eventual adoption of a broadcasting standard.

- "Audio in Digital Times: Proceedings of the AES 7th International Conference," (Audio Engineering Society, New York, 1990), contains a wide cross section of technical papers describing both consumer and professional systems, including several that describe new generations of hard-disk and magneto-optical recorders, workstation designs and setting up an all-digital broadcast facility. A virtual treasure

trove of fascinating and highly relevant information.

- "The AES/EBU Interface Conference," (Audio Engineering Society, New York, 1990), which was devoted to topics such as "Standards and Circuit Design," plus "Using the Interface and Future Developments," and covers just about all that broadcasters would ever want to know about implementation and operation of this widely-used digital I/O.

Various articles describe the differences between the professional AES/EBU interface and its consumer version; importance of ensuring stable clock and synchroniza-

tion sources; addition of program labels to a digital bitstream; and practical experience with carrying AES/EBU-format signals around a large broadcast facility.

- "Proceedings of the Third Annual Digital Radio Station Seminars—NAB Radio 1990, Boston," (National Association of Broadcasters, Washington, 1990), includes several papers that cover digital interface standards; a new digital audio "cart recorder" and a hard-disk system for sequencing and replaying commercials.
- "The Tapeless Directory," by Yasmin Hasmi and Stella Plumbridge (Sypha, London, 1990), comprises an annotated listing of some 50+ digital audio workstations, with brief technical and operational descriptions, compiled by two independent consultants based in London, England.

Although now slightly out of date, this directory provides a useful starting point.

Also worth having on hand are copies of the following AES Standards, which also provide a great deal of operational data about implementing reliable digital interconnections within the all-digital broadcast facility of just 10 minutes into the future:

- "AES3-199X: Recommended Practice

for Digital Audio Engineering Q Serial Transmission Format for Linearly Represented Digital Audio Data," is the main source of information about this industry-wide digital I/O format.

- "AES11-1991: Recommended Practice for Digital Audio Engineering Q Synchronization of Digital Audio Equipment in Studio Operations" provides a comprehensive set of guidelines for ensuring that components in a digital studio lock together successfully, and provide reliable, trouble-free transfer of digital data.

- "AES17-1991: Standard Method for Digital Audio Engineering Q Measurement of Digital Audio Equipment," provides a number of techniques for specifying and verifying the performance of a number of characteristics of digital hardware, including analog input/output amplitude and overload, linear response, signal-to-noise, crosstalk and separation.

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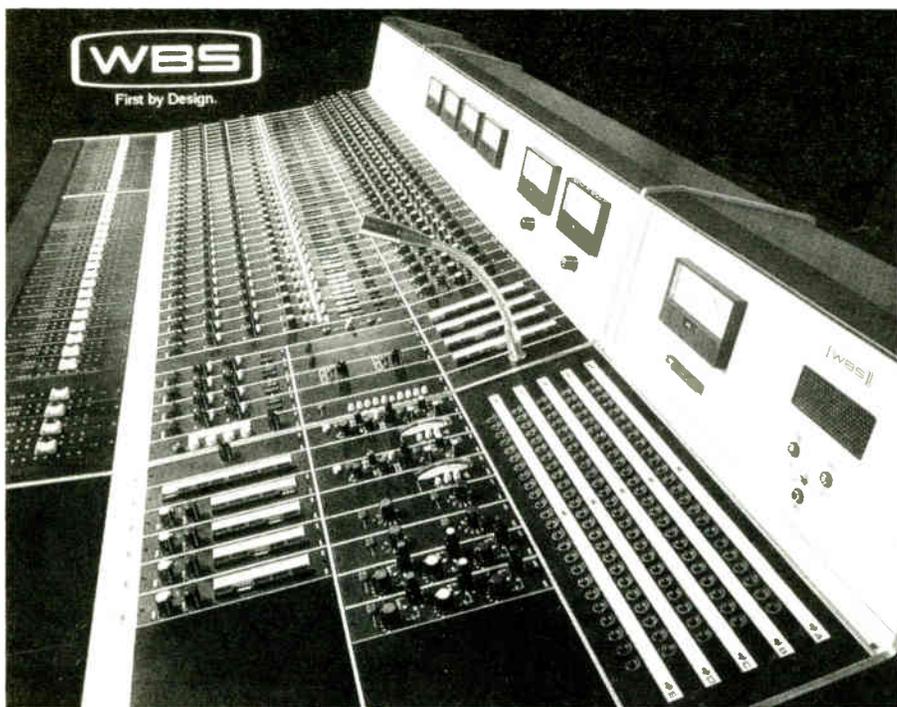
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## A Course in Couplers

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The Auto Coupler requires an included external power supply. Specs are the same as for the Hybrid Coupler, except that the send and receive audio are balanced and the send-audio input impedance is 20 kilohms.

Gentner also makes the PeopleLink teleconference interface, which couples a conference audio mixer to the phone line. The PeopleLink includes several features for convenient, high-quality teleconferencing.

Thanks to Dave Pedersen, Sales Engineer at Gentner, for the information. You can reach Gentner in Salt Lake City, Utah, at 801-975-7200.

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## Safety First

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really *know* the conditions at your transmitter site? Why not invite your owner and/or GM to visit the site with you? If he does, he'll understand your concerns much more easily.

No discussion of safety can be complete these days without considering the potential danger of the two-legged predator. With many transmitter sites out in isolated areas, or even areas of town that have become dangerous in recent years, personal security has become an important consideration for many.

We'll look more into this problem next time.

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# Protect Your Tower

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The coil will have many turns so that it has a large inductive reactance at AM frequencies, which looks like a high impedance to the signal. The DC path for static discharge will look like a low impedance path to ground.

The static drain choke is installed in the doghouse or antenna tuning unit along with RF tuning and matching components for the tower. You buy these chokes from the same companies that provide the other antenna tuning components.

It might be worthwhile to make sure yours is still working by shutting down power, opening the feedline and measuring the DC resistance from tower feed to ground. It should be on the order of a few ohms or less. Otherwise, you have an open choke or a bad connection.

Figure 1 shows the completed static electricity discharge path for an AM tower.

Sometimes that one pointed rod cannot get rid of the charge fast enough. If you have this problem either because of location or a tall tower, you can still do something to prevent strikes. What you need to

do is install an array of discharge points.

A dissipation or discharge array consists of something that looks like long, very sharp, barbed wire or a spiked stick. This material is formed into a dome over the tower, a ring around the tower or an arm that sticks above the tower. The principle is that many points will drain the static faster than one point. This is similar to the idea that many parallel wires will offer a lower DC resistance than a single strand.

You might be interested in knowing that ships and aircraft use multiple discharge points to safely drain static charges. Under certain conditions, you can see this action at work as a faint blue glow called "Saint Elmo's Fire."

Check the ads in *RW* for suppliers of dissipation or discharge arrays. User reports indicate that these can be very effective.

Next month we'll look at the other key components of tower protection: the grounding system and lightning strike protection.

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# LPB Spreads the Word

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Devecka, "They use at least five translators at each crusade and sometimes more than that. They reel out the cable and anyone with a pocket radio can listen in, so people who speak a foreign language can tune to the proper frequency and listen to the services in that language."

## A brief hiatus

After six or so years of traveling with the Graham organization, the low-powered transmitters returned to the LPB factory recently for a brief hiatus and service check.

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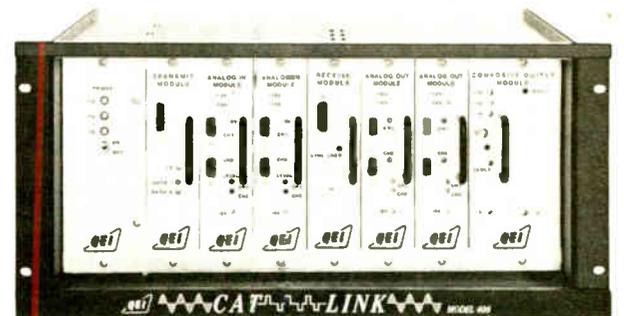
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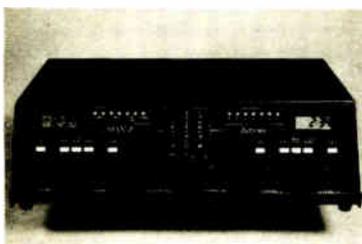
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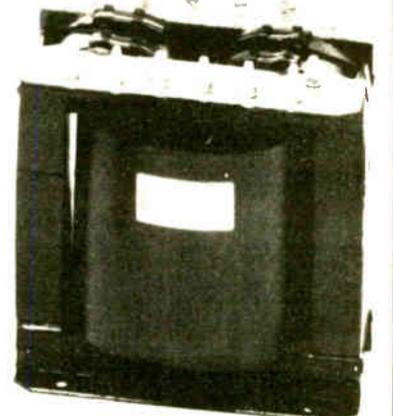
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IVC 960 MK III 1" VTR editor, 3M 5110 colorizer, Artek (Ampex) 1061, Colortek 1011, process amp, Conrac monitors, Grass Valley 911, 910, 206-251-5420 X247.

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